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Djeran- Noongar Season

Season of Adulthood (April/May)

Djeran season at last sees a break in the really hot weather. A key indicator of the change of season is the cool nights that once again bring a dewy presence for us to discover in the early mornings. The winds have also changed, especially in their intensity, with light breezes being the go and generally swinging from southerly directions. Many flying ants can be seen cruising around in the light winds.

Djeran is a time of red flowers especially from the Red Flowering

Gum (*Corimbia ficifolia*), as well as the smaller and more petite flowers of the Summer Flame (*Beaufortia aestiva*).

As the season progresses, the nights will become cooler and damper along with some cool and rainy days which also means the traditional mia mias (houses or shelters) are repaired and updated to make sure they are waterproof and facing in the right direction in readiness for the deep wintery months to come.

Creating a Town Centre Our Community Loves!

Having grown up in the area, I love our town. My grandparents moved here in the 1940's, my parents then purchased their first home here and so did I. Sailing, swimming and canoeing in the river, being part of the Bassendean Sea Scouts, playing netball at the BIC Reserve and attending Ashfield Primary School, shaped my upbringing and love for the area and the people that live here. Valuing our history such as the connection to the old Midland workshops where my Dad once worked, plus the unique geography, green spaces, significant trees, river frontage, proximity to the CBD at one end and access to the Swan Valley at the other, but most importantly the people is what makes this a very special place. Ensuring we preserve our town's unique characteristics whilst also planning for the future therefore requires careful consideration.

Working with a Council with a strong community-driven philosophy, in 2019, a commitment was made to undertake an extensive engagement exercise with our community. *BassenDream Our Future* sought to shape the future of our Town.

Over 3000 interactions later, our community told us just what they love about living in the Town of Bassendean and what they value.

More specifically, in regards to the Bassendean town centre, our community said:

- » it was accessible and conveniently located - especially due to the train station
- » however for many, it was too quiet and uneventful
- » some also recognised it was a struggle for local businesses

Overwhelmingly for the future town centre, our community said they would like to see a **vibrant, active** and **revitalised** town centre as a top priority.

- » 85% of survey respondents support improving walkability from the Bassendean town centre
- » 84% support a diversity of land uses
- » 68% support more people living in or near Bassendean town centre
- » 65% support higher density housing close to train stations

How do we then create a revitalized town centre?

Whilst our community have told us they want a more vibrant town centre, there hasn't been any specific planning on the changes needed in an urban planning sense to make this happen. The Town of Bassendean working with our community, therefore need to take a lead on what this could look like. Based on previous community feedback, we have a vision of:

- » a place to "linger longer" with a diversity of uses
- » a more transit and access-orientated town centre
- » public open space and amenity
- » a green and shaded town centre
- » opportunities for people to downsize/ right-size in the town centre
- » a town that is "open for business"
- » a town that supports environmental sustainability
- » improved safety through increased use and visual surveillance of the public realm

We really need our community's input

In late 2020, the Town of Bassendean, in conjunction with Creating Communities Australia hosted a series of focus groups and interviews with community members with a stake in the town centre (such as property owners, businesses, community groups, those who registered from Bassendream, local residents, State Government and potential investors). These sessions built on the detailed findings of the *BassenDream* engagement process to inform the development of some draft concepts (or ideas) for the future revitalization of the Bassendean Town Centre.

These draft concepts were recently subject to feedback from community members attending two design workshops in April. These workshops were advertised widely via signage throughout the Town, emails and social media.

We are progressing to the next stage of the master planning process where the feedback will be used to inform the development of a consolidated draft plan. We will continue to strongly encourage everyone in our community to have their say on the draft

plan - so we create a town centre that serves us all well into the future. So whether you have just moved into the area, or spent your whole life here, have a business or are part of a household, are younger or older, it's important that we create a town centre that works for everyone.

How you can get involved

Shortly there will be further opportunities promoted, including a drop-in/open day where we would like to share with you a draft masterplan concept based upon the engagement undertaken to date. It's important to recognise that nothing has been set in stone. Council has not endorsed the concept, instead they are relying upon your feedback so they may consider this. In regards to the draft concept, there may be some elements you like, some you don't and you may have some ideas that haven't yet been thought of.

To ensure we collectively create a town centre that is sustainable and supports and serves people from all walks of life into the future, we would love to hear from you.

Opportunities to be involved in the next step will be widely promoted, so please keep an eye out, via the Town's website, facebook, through our Customer Services Centre and Library.

To find out more about this project, please see the Town of Bassendean website where you can access all of the information and draft concept plans. Please refer to: www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/consultations/general/town-centre-masterplan



Peta Mabbs

Chief Executive Officer,
Town of Bassendean

An Oldie but a Goodie



Di Blasio Hair Salon - a Bassendean Institution since 1960

Nick Di Blasio runs the salon shop his father opened in 1960. Originally opening on Old Perth Road where the Pet Shop is now, in 1963, Nick's father Domenico and his wife bought the house on the corner of Wilson Street and Old Perth Road. They knocked out two rooms converting them into shop spaces. Di Blasio Hair Salon has been there ever since.

Domenico, a barber and cobbler, came to Australia from Roccapivara in Southern Italy in 1957. Arriving first in Sydney, he then moved to Perth where there was a strong Italian community. His wife and three children followed three years later. They went on to have two more children (twins) whilst living in Perth.

The kids attended West Road Primary school (now Bassendean Primary) and Nick has fond memories of traipsing through the mud, catching tadpoles and climbing trees. The boys also played junior football at the BIC, which he said would flood every winter.

After year ten, Nick trained as a barber, serving a four-year apprenticeship. He worked with his father for many years, taking over the business in 1988 when his father, Domenico, retired. Living next to the shop, Domenico still came in to the shop most days and stayed in contact with his customers. Some of Domenico's clients from the early days still come to Nick regularly.

Three of the five children went on to become hairstylists, with younger brother John working in the shop with Nick and a sister also working as a hairdresser.

Domenico passed away five years ago at the age of ninety-two and the family home was sold shortly after. His photo still hangs on the wall at the hair salon.

Whilst the population has changed a lot over the years, the heart of the Bassendean community is strong and Nick declares he won't leave until he drops dead.

Visit Di Blasio Hair Salon at 42 Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

BikeFest

Whitfield Safe Active Street was bike central on Saturday 10 April, as the Town of Bassendean presented Bikefest, an afternoon of activity and engagement with a focus on bikes, ability and movement. This marks the third activation along the newly created Whitfield Safe Active Street, celebrating alternative forms of transport other than vehicles.

The event was supported by the Department of Transport and featured the Bike Dr, Bikelinc, TADWA, Bicycles for Humanity and Freestyle Now with their stunt show. There were many options for people wanting to try out different vehicles ranging from TADWA's mobility vehicles to penny-farthings, unicycles and crazy bikes. The Bassendean Association for Creativity and Enterprise was also there hosting a sausage sizzle for hungry community members.



The Lookout

The lookout park, on Hardy Road adjacent to Villiers Street, is beginning to take shape.

AshfieldCAN, supported by the Town of Bassendean, will create a peaceful place; a quite contemplative park that people in the community can walk onto and enjoy the view over the Ashfield Flats wetland, the river valley and the Darling Scarp beyond.

Funding support through local MLA Dave Kelly has been instrumental in supporting the AshfieldCAN's vision.

Once the basic layout has been completed, a community BBQ to thank people wishing to volunteer a few hours of their time to plant low-lying, drought resistant and bird attracting native shrubs will be arranged. An artisan has also been engaged to create a feature seating area that, when completed, will be special place to take in the vista.

Ashfield CAN looks forward to once again completing a project that will enhance the Town as a wonderful place to live.



Updates from our Community Action Networks

Ashfield CAN is a group of stakeholder and community members who are committed to making Ashfield a better place to live.

The group formed over 10 years ago and holds functions throughout the year, which continue to be popular and serve the purpose of bringing the community together in a positive manner.

At Gary Blanch Reserve, events are held such as Family Fun Day, Everlasting planting day, garage sales, Pizza in the Park, Yoga in the Park as well as the end of year Christmas Party for families and residents.

The group's major event for the year is the Dogs' Breakfast at Sandy Beach, which attracts a crowd of up to 200 people and their pooches. Other activities include a frog stalk, botany talks, bird watching and various environmental studies undertaken at Ashfield Flats.

This past year the group supported projects at Cyril Jackson Arts House and Ashfield Primary School through encouraging the children of Ashfield Primary School to enjoy the benefits of the Art House garden and a planting day.

The AshfieldCAN has also supported projects such as the Verge Transformation Project with funding and helpers to encourage more useful and sustainable verge gardens in the suburb.

The group is excited about their latest project 'The Lookout' that is taking shape with planting beds and paths currently being installed. This project will turn a small area of unused land into a panoramic Lookout over the picturesque Ashfield Flats.

The group continues to seek information on the history of the suburb, with a focus on the natural landscape and is seeking any photos or stories about how the landscape has changed over the years. This follows on from previous events, which included morning/afternoon teas about the social history of the suburb and particularly the Ashfield Primary School.

The Ashfield CAN continues to try to be responsive to community desires and is always open to ideas for new ventures or 'adventures' in the suburb. None of this is achieved without the commitment and hard work of members of the Ashfield CAN, with support from the Town of Bassendean.

Ashfield CAN meets every second Monday of the month at Ashfield Sports Club (cnr Haig and Colstoun St Ashfield) at 7pm.



Eden Hill CAN is a community group for residents, run by residents.

Eden Hill CAN aims to keep the Eden Hill community informed of local news and events, provide a voice for the community on issues that matter and importantly, provide opportunities for residents to connect with each other and celebrate our community.

Those who frequent Mary Crescent Reserve in Eden Hill may have noticed that an old dead tree has been repurposed as a beacon to break down the stigma surrounding mental health. Teaming up with the Town of Bassendean and with tins of paint donated by Bunnings, Eden Hill CAN has organised for a tree to be painted bright blue, by spreading the paint we spread the message that 'it's okay to not be okay'.

The Blue Tree Project aims to help engage people in difficult conversations around mental health and to encourage people to feel confident in discussing their own mental health concerns. Eden Hill CAN aims to promote a safe, connected and culturally vibrant community. Participation in this project stems from a desire to connect people with their neighbours, allowing people to feel free to reach out for help from those around them.

It's okay to feel blue, but it is also important that people feel free to discuss mental health concerns without judgement. The groups hope is that the Blue Tree will spark conversations and allow for greater and deeper community connections between neighbours.

To find out more about the Blue Tree Project and how you can support or get involved, visit www.bluetreeproject.com.au or www.edenhillcan.org.au



What's Coming Up?

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Wed 2 June	6.30pm – 7.30pm	Library Meeting Room 1	Library Literary Salon An evening of poetry with Bron Bateman FREE, bookings essential www.trybooking.com/BRBPZ
Sun 6 June	10am – 4pm	Railway Museum, 136 Railway Parade, Bassendean	Mini Model Railway Expo Exhibits, Sausage sizzle & refreshments. 'Thomas' will be there, book online (limited tickets at door) www.trybooking.com/BQPNX Entry - \$5 children 4+, \$8 concessions, \$10 adults www.railheritagewa.org.au www.facebook.com/railheritagewa Tel. 08 9279 7189
Sat 12 June	10am – 12pm	Cyril Jackson Senior Campus – Room 25, Jackson's Cafe	CJ Zero Waste Workshop Immune Boosting Recipes Bring your own coffee cup
Sun 20 June	9.30am	Intersection point of Kenny Street and Hardy Road, Ashfield	Community Planting Day: The 'Lookout' Join Ashfield Community Action Network at the 'Lookout' to plant out the gardens and help turn this space into a quiet, contemplative park. Enjoy morning tea afterwards. Please bring your own gloves and a cup for tea or coffee
Sun 27 June	9:30am – 4pm	46 Old Perth Road (under the library)	Plants to Residents Time to collect your plants you ordered and get them in your garden
Sun 27 June	9am – 1pm	Old Perth Road	Old Perth Rd Markets
Sun 4 July	10am – 1pm	Mary Crescent Reserve, Eden Hill	Community Planting Day; Mary Crescent Reserve Come get down and dirty with the team as we work together to implement your ideas for greening Mary Crescent Reserve!

Bassendean Junior Cricket Club

The Bassendean Junior Cricket Club (JCC) was recently awarded the RAC Insurance Beyond Sport John Gilmour Medal for their partnership with Brightwater Oats Street Brain Injury Rehabilitation Centre at the RAC SportWest Awards 2020.

This Award acknowledges clubs who in the past twelve months have assisted its members or the local community to positively overcome individual, family or community challenges or adversity.

The partnership with Bassendean JCC provides the clients of Brightwater an opportunity to acquire further skills, in the hope that they will gain greater independence and transition back into the workforce, by running the canteen at Bassendean Junior Cricket Club on Saturday mornings.

Western Australian Cricket Association CEO Christina Matthews said "The work Bassendean Junior Cricket Club put into their partnership with Brightwater is inspiring and we're proud of the role cricket can play in positively influencing the wider community."

Congratulations to club president Justin Murray (pictured) and Bassendean Junior Cricket Club.



Hofmann Engineering Celebrates over 50 years

Located in the Tonkin Business Park in Bassendean, Hofmann Engineering was founded by immigrant brothers Johann Paul Hofmann and Erich Franz Hofmann in 1969, and today employs over 600 staff worldwide, including three generations of their family.

So how did brothers from Munich with roots to a farm in a village called Godas, in Oberpfalz, near Kemnath Germany, originally headed for Canada, end up on the other side of the world?

They had completed their trade qualifications and were planning their trip to Canada. It was brought to the brothers' attention that Australia offered an assisted passage to trained workers for a nominal fee whereas the trip to Canada would require them to pay full fare.

The young brothers had each spent three and a half years in apprenticeships, as precision toolmakers. In order to satisfy the mandatory selection criteria for Australia, they were obligated to stay and work for a minimum of two years. Their employer in Munich provided them with a letter of introduction for an engineering company in Melbourne. John was 20 years old and Erich had just turned 19. In 1959, they boarded the MS Aurelia, which called in at Fremantle on the trip. Jack Garrett, the Manager of the Chamberlain Tool Room was looking for toolmakers and selected John and Erich.

"We took the job, left the boat and have never looked back", said Erich F. Hofmann.

J & E Hofmann Precision Engineering was

started in a garage at the end of 1968. The business soon outgrew the garage and then shifted into a little shop on Guildford Road then later moved around the corner to a bigger workshop. In 1971, the brothers bought 3.5 acres of land at 3 Alice Street in Bassendean and had a small office and workshop built. Later they purchased two blocks from Vickers Hoskins and purchased land from Willi Laufmann of Specialised Welding. They now own most of the land on Alice Street. Later, ten acres of industrial land on the corner of Collier Road and Fairford Street was purchased with plans for an iron foundry, which was later developed for dedicated warehouses.

Many decades of experience have been gained engaging the needs of industries such as mining, energy, construction materials, manufacturing and agriculture. Hofmann has widened its attention to incorporate aerospace, defense force equipment, wind, tidal and solar energy and food packaging.

Managing Director Erich J. Hofmann took over the running of Hofmann Engineering in 2003.

Hofmann Engineering now includes seven fully functioning independent factories across three continents and local business

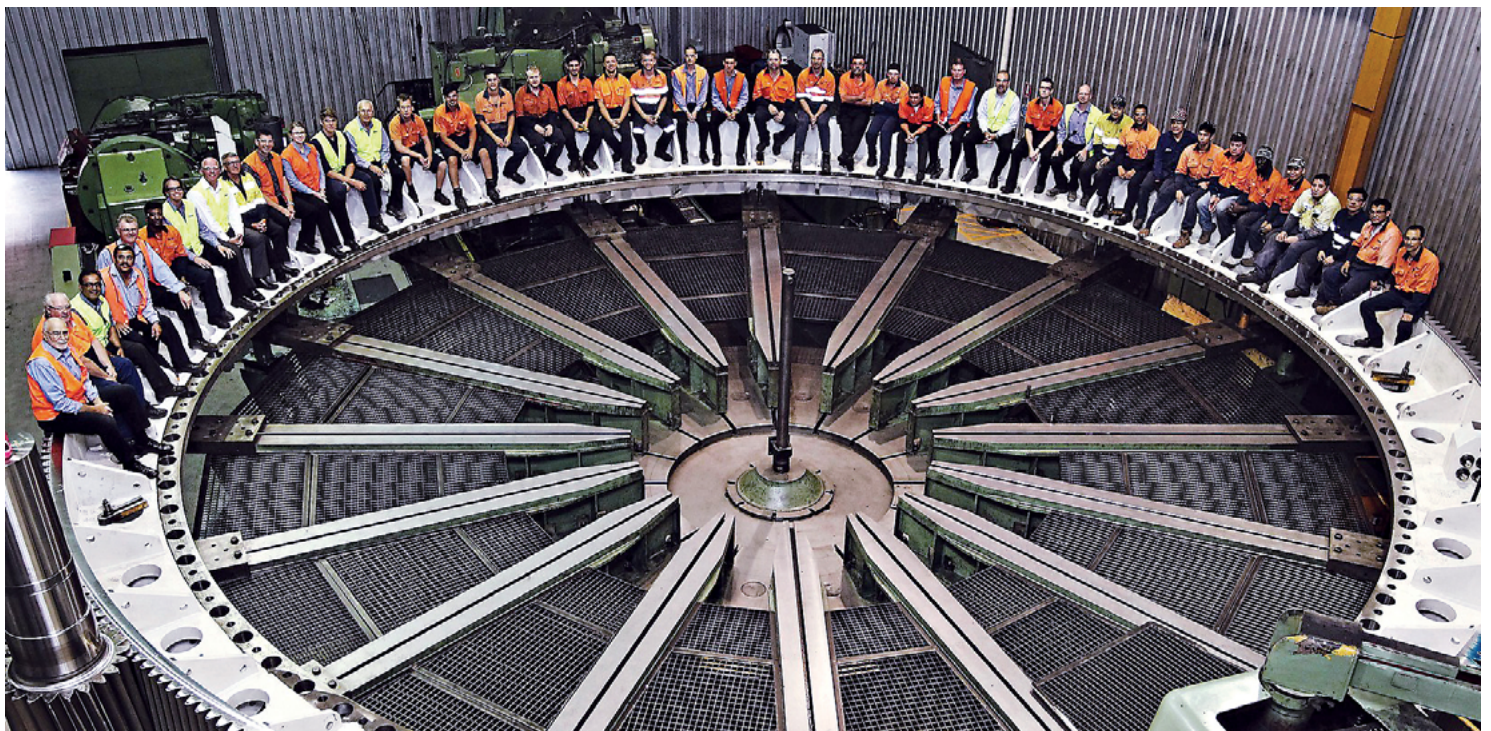
offices further afield. With this industrial capacity, customers can access in excess of 5,000 precision made parts available online as HOFPARTS.

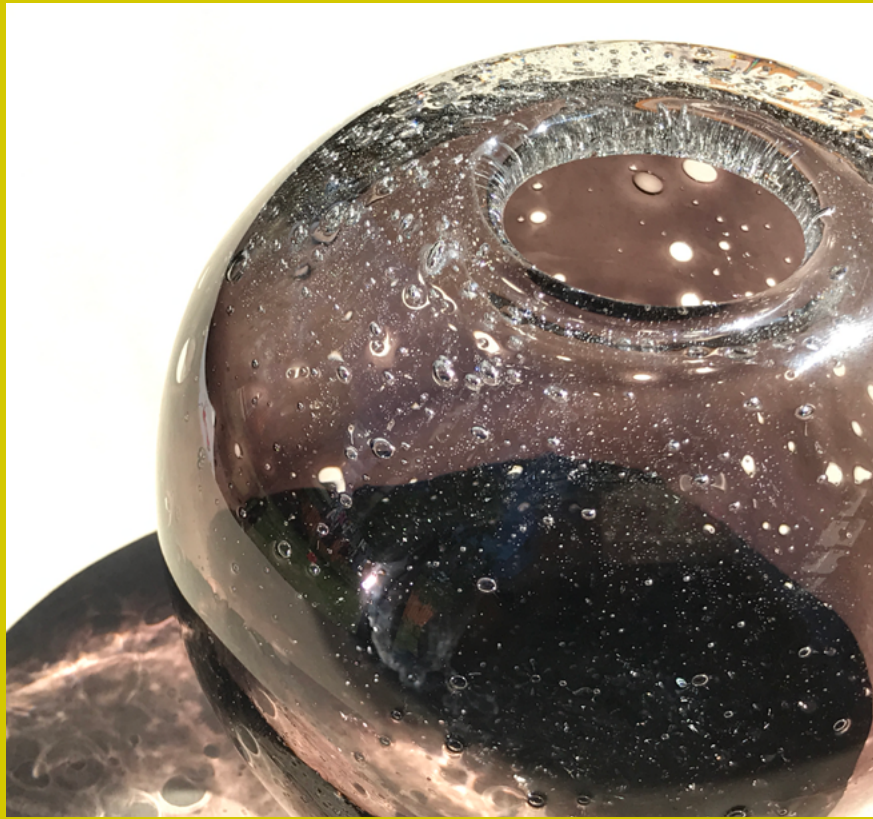
In 2012, the company manufactured what was believed to be the biggest forged steel gear in the world at the time at 13.2m diameter. This was promoted in newspapers with a photo of more than 40 staff sitting on the rim.

"We made many mistakes but learned from each one and improved each time. Perth is a very remote place so you had to be innovative and improvise. The easiest way to gain experience and learn was to see the mistakes others made. We had plenty of opportunities to repair, rebuild and improvise productions other companies sold to mining companies and doing so improved our knowledge in the field of engineering", stated John P. Hofmann.

To commemorate their golden anniversary the company produced a history book "Hofmann Engineering Golden Anniversary 1969-2019" and kindly donated a copy to Bassendean Memorial Library, Local Studies Collection.

The Hofmann mantra is: We learn, we apply and we diversify.





Local Creative - Emma Lashmar

Emma Lashmar is a Visual Artist living in the Town of Bassendean who loves molten glass and its possibilities.

Trained in Visual Art at Curtin University, Emma transferred to Melbourne's Monash University to focus on Fine Arts (Glass), graduating with honours in 2009. Over the next ten years, she exhibited widely in solo and group shows in public and commercial galleries and artist-run spaces in Melbourne and Sydney, and had work purchased for notable private collections in Victoria and New South Wales. Emma also undertook residencies in Buenos Aires and Berlin.

When creating, Emma likes to play with the possibilities and quirks of the medium, allowing the process to shape each unique form. She is fascinated by the material of molten glass, enjoying its irregularities and personality, which is what makes a handmade item unique. She finds the process of making the work meditative, relying on the flow of the material and being responsive to it and working with it.

Having lived away from her home in Perth for over ten years, Emma and her partner

were in Berlin and came home for a visit, which resulted in them deciding to stay and have their family here. Wanting a place with room to move, greenery, being close to the river and with good proximity to both of their families, they chose Bassendean. The welcoming community environment has been their home since 2013 and is the perfect neighbourhood for their two young girls.

Once settled in Bassendean, one of the first creative initiatives Emma embarked upon was to apply for a residency at Cyril Jackson Arts House. Arts House provides studio space, facilities and equipment to artists in exchange for a service provided to the campus and community. Artists work to build connections and opportunities for students and the school to collaborate with professionals from Perth's creative industries. The ArtsHouse residency has allowed Emma to continue her creative work whilst having a small child as the space was conducive to creativity with a toddler. She has also

engaged in studio residencies at PICA, Vancouver Arts Centre, Albany and Paper Mountain in Northbridge.

Her creations are one off products, which are for sale on her website, at Mundaring Arts Centre or Taylors in the Valley. She has also been commissioned for projects to create bespoke lighting and tableware designs for iconic Australian restaurants such as Vue de Monde, Tedesca Osteria and Penfolds Magill Estate, amongst others.

Glass blowing is a very physical craft. The equipment and machinery used require skill and understanding and Emma is constantly working on developing her creative and technical skills. She is also continuing to develop her business and make work more regular, whilst raising her young family. She is committed to sharing her skills with curious folks in the wider WA community.

To see more of Emma's work, visit www.emmalashmar.com



Bringing home a new furry family member

It's an exciting time when welcoming a new pet! There are so many things to think about and plan for, but one thing you should not forget is making sure your new pet is healthy and receives their vaccinations, worming and flea treatments on time.

Vaccinations will not only protect your pet from dangerous infectious diseases, but they assist to prevent the spread of diseases in the animal community. An up to date vaccination history may be required for places where your pet may closely interact with other animals, such as boarding kennels or catteries, dog training classes and doggy day care.

Sticking to the vaccination schedule also ensures that your pet is regularly checked by a veterinarian to keep on top of any health

issues throughout their lifetime. You can also speak to your vet about any behavioural concerns or training issues you may have. Also important is to ensure your pet is microchipped and registered with Town of Bassendean. Sterilisation is also required for cats over the age of six months but also highly recommended for dogs too, as this may help to reduce unwanted behaviours and often has other health benefits for your dog. Speak to your vet to find out more about sterilisation for your pet.

Also, it's important to make sure your pet is confined to your property (unless supervised); not just for their health, happiness and safety, but to reduce the unintended impacts on our valued, native wildlife and environmental assets.

For more information about registration and other responsible ownership tips, call the Town of Bassendean Rangers on 9377 7480.

Community Safety

Community Connection

Did you know that one of the best ways to combat crime and antisocial behaviour is by developing a strong, connected neighbourhood. This can be done by meeting and becoming more familiar with neighbours and reporting any suspicious behaviour.

Eyes on the Street

You can help make your community safer by anonymously reporting criminal activity or suspicious behavior. Remember, every piece of information helps and you could hold the missing piece that helps solve a crime.

Join the thousands of Western Australians who have contacted Crime Stoppers to report valuable information that helps the WA Police to investigate crime. Call the toll-free hotline, 1800 333 000, to make a report.

If you require Police assistance dial 131 444, or if it is a life threatening emergency dial 000.

Bikelinc

Did you know over 9000 bikes are stolen each year in WA?

Bikelinc, powered by Crimestoppers WA and supported by WA Police, has created an online platform to help link you to your bike if stolen. You can do this by creating a Bikelinc profile.

This is great for bike owners who want to stay connected with their bike/s, keep their wheels turning and be part of a cycling community that helps find lost or stolen bikes. People who are thinking about buying a second-hand bike can check that it's not stolen property too.

For further information and to join for free, go to www.bikelinc.com.au

Do you have a CCTV camera on your property?

Cam-Map WA is a comprehensive database of all voluntarily registered CCTV systems across Western Australia. This publicly accessed platform allows owners and operators of CCTV systems to self-register onto a secure database operated by WA Police and other authorised agencies.

By self-registering your CCTV system into CAM-MAP WA, you are voluntarily providing the WA Police with knowledge as to your CCTV camera locations and contact information for consideration should your CCTV be potentially deemed useful in investigating an incident.

For further information and to register go to www.police.wa.gov.au/Your-Safety/State-CCTV-Register

Bassendean Hotel Redevelopment

You may have noticed the temporary fencing now erected around the Bassendean Hotel. The ARK Group, a family owned and operated Perth based hospitality group, has recently purchased the site and is planning an extensive renovation and expansion of the Hotel. ARK Group also own other popular Perth venues like the Peach Pit, Scarborough Beach Bar, Market Grounds and Generous Squire.

“Our vision is to elevate the hospitality offering at the Bassendean Hotel by creating a distinct destination with a proud local identity. The opportunity lies in the added rejuvenation of a historic landmark and venue which pays homage to the rich history of Bassendean Town.” Woods Bagot, Architects

The redevelopment will include modifications to the façade of the Hotel, restoring original brickwork and rendered sandstone and tiled finishes at ground level.

New courtyards facing Old Perth Road and Parker Street, including courtyard screening and a playground, are also proposed.

Landscaping treatments, including additional tree plantings at a rate of 1 tree per 4 bays within the car parking area along the southern boundary for amenity and shade will be included. New trees within the car parking area will be a minimum of 3.0m in height at the time of planting.

The Town of Bassendean successfully negotiated increasing the landscaping and the retention of an additional two mature trees on the site. This is a positive outcome and reflective of Council’s strong desire for the retention of trees on private land.

The newly refurbished hotel is expected to open its doors next summer.



Investing in Our “Health and Happiness”



Did you know that research backs up what many of us have instinctively known?

Our health and happiness are strongly connected, and our level of happiness really can impact the level of our health.

In 2019, Council committed to One Planet Living, which incorporates 10 key principles for living happily and sustainably. The first of those key principles relates to our “Health and Happiness” - encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

We now want your input to create our first “Public Health Plan” that responds to and represents our community’s health and wellbeing needs.

Local governments contribute to community health and well-being in many ways including:

- » maintaining footpaths, streetscapes and parks to increase walkability, access and connection to people, places and amenity;
- » providing recreational programs and events, in addition to supporting community groups to increase wellbeing and a sense of inclusion and belonging; and
- » ensuring safe food is provided in our neighbourhood restaurants and cafes.

How You Can Make A Difference?

We would love to hear from you to ensure we create a plan that will consider our future community needs.

This will initially involve a questionnaire to better understand our community’s health and wellbeing concerns and aspirations. The survey takes about 5-10 minutes to complete and can be accessed via the Town’s website on www.bassendean.wa.gov.au or by dropping into any of the following Town of Bassendean facilities:

- » Bassendean Memorial Library, 46 Old Perth Road, Bassendean
- » Seniors and Disabilities Services, 2 Colstoun Road, Ashfield
- » Customer Services Centre, 35 Old Perth Road, Bassendean
- » Youth Services, Guildford Road, Bassendean

The survey will be conducted from the 1st – 30th June.

Next Steps

In addition to the survey results, the Town will also be seeking input from the Department of Health in addition to census and State Government data and statistics from the Town of Bassendean Community Health Profile 2019 www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/documents/762/community-health-profile-2019

Further information on public health planning for local governments is available at ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Articles/N_R/Public-health-planning

We look forward to your input and sharing the results with you in the coming period.



Stand Up Paddle Boarding, Sandy Beach Reserve



RElax Program – Zumba



Plants to Residents Program

The Town of Bassendean is excited to announce that this year the annual Plants to Residents program is run in conjunction with EnviroHouse. EnviroHouse is a community environment centre and shop, aimed at assisting the community in living in a sustainable manner.

This year Town of Bassendean residents will be able to purchase native, water wise plants at a subsidised rate of \$1 each through EnviroHouse. Plant vouchers for 10 or 20 plants went on sale **May 24th**. Plant vouchers can be purchased online, www.trybooking.com/BQGFS, or in person at the EnviroHouse store (details are provided below).

The plant collection day will coincide with the **June 27th** Old Perth Road Markets, where plants can be collected from under the library; remember to bring proof of residence when collecting your plants. Please note that this is the only day plants will be available for collection, plants not collected on the day will be forfeited.

EnviroHouse Contact Details

Website: www.envirohouse.org.au
Address: 125 King Williams Street, Bayswater
Phone: (08) 9271 4488

Opening Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 9am to 1pm
Friday: 9am to 12 noon
Saturday: 10am to 4pm
Closed on Public Holidays

Looking to join a group, meet new people or a chance for a new hobby?

Bassendean 55Plus Association

A social group promoting activities and information to the over 55-age group in the Bassendean community. Their vision is to provide a friendly social hub where a variety of engaging activities can be hosted for members. These activities include Art For All, Craft Group, Chair Yoga, Chess Club, Carpet Bowls and Senior's Singing.

bassendean55plus.org.au



Library Book Clubs

All book clubs are run by the members, with the library providing the facilities and some support with book exchanges. There is some cost to the members, depending on the book selection.

- » **Second Tuesday Book club** - currently open for expressions of interest; will meet at the library meeting room 2, every second Tuesday of the month, from 9.30-11am
- » **Third Tuesday Evening Book club** - meets at the library every third Tuesday of the month from 6-7pm: places are still available

The Bassonovas

Are a fun filled Community Samba Percussion group. The group first began in February 2007 and continue to party in WA with their own funky compositions and rhythms from Brazil. Currently the group assists the Town of Bassendean with their new RELax Program and offer Samba percussion classes to the community.

sites.google.com/site/bassonovas/



Repair Café Bassendean

An initiative that aims to minimise waste and strengthen the community. The group provides a free service. All are welcome. At Repair Café Bassendean, you'll find tools and materials to help you make any repairs you need to clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, toys, and much more. You'll also find experienced volunteers with repair skills in all kinds of fields.

www.repaircafebassendean.org.au/

A big congratulations to Repair Café for recently being recognised in the "Best of the West" for their work fixing our community's broken household items for free, saving them from landfill and challenging our throwaway society.





New play space launched at Padbury Reserve

Padbury Way Reserve has recently undergone a transformation with new play equipment and a nature inspired play area being installed. Nature inspired playgrounds provide children with more opportunities than traditional playgrounds to develop gross-motor skills. Further contact with nature has been associated with a number of health benefits for children, such as improved cognitive function and increased creativity.

The new timber fort was installed in February, along with the expanded play zone with log steppers and balance beams plus native woody meadows which will be installed in winter by the Town of Bassendean's Parks and Recreation team.

Padbury Reserve is a local level playground, which is the smallest category of play space. Local level playgrounds are intended primarily for those who can get to the park

without having to drive, although everyone is welcome to have a play. This project was funded by Australian Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and the Town of Bassendean.

Palmerston Square Reserve is the next open space scheduled to be upgraded with works to commence in the middle of the year, followed by Sandy Beach playground.

Waste Plan

The Town launched its three bin FOGO collection service in July 2020. The change to the three-bin FOGO system enables residents to divert organic material from landfill. Diverting this material for landfill is beneficial in many ways including:

- » Reducing the greenhouse impact of our waste;
- » Creating valuable soil improver from a waste product; and
- » Insulating against future increases in the waste levy.

The change to FOGO is one of the many ways in which the Town of Bassendean is putting the One Planet Living Principles into practice. One Planet Living is about living in a world where everyone, everywhere lives happy, healthy lives within the limits of the planet, leaving space for wildlife and wilderness. Specifically, One Planet Living includes a Principle of Zero Waste.

Diverting organic materials, such as food waste and garden waste from landfill, where it decomposes into potent

greenhouse gases, into compost brings the Town one step closer to achieving its goals. The creation of a Waste Plan, which provides a five-year horizon for reducing waste and diverting from landfill, is the next important step in meeting the One Planet Principles.

The Town submitted its Council endorsed Waste Plan to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation in late March.

The Waste Wise Schools Program

The Waste Wise Schools Program is a well-established action-based program that encourages schools to move toward zero waste through their curriculum and activities.

The program is free and available to all schools in WA. To become an accredited Waste Wise School, schools need to complete a 10-step program. The steps are designed to foster positive waste attitudes and behaviours. These are embedded in a school's principles, philosophy, curriculum and the daily practices of the whole school. These then filter into the wider school community where these behaviours contribute to a culture of waste reduction and avoidance.

Accreditation in this program allows schools to apply for three different Waste Wise Grants of up to \$14,400, which provide funding for infrastructure for waste avoidance and recovery projects and for waste education in the whole school and community.

Casa Mia Montessori School in Bassendean is leading the way as one of the Town of Bassendean's accredited Waste Wise Schools.

Led by teacher, Mr James King, the students at Casa Mia learn, every day, about their environmental responsibility and are reducing waste going to landfill while reducing their carbon footprint.

Other local schools involved in the program are Cyril Jackson Senior Campus Education Support Centre and Eden Hill Primary School. We will be featuring the great work these schools are doing in future editions of THRIVE.



Curtin University Sustainability Award

The Town of Bassendean is collaborating on a research initiative with the Design and Built Environment School at Curtin University.

As part of this partnership, Town officers mentored a team of students to undertake preliminary research, for how we can build better, more sustainable parks as identified as a key outcome of 'Bassendream Our Future'. Shania Hunt, was awarded the Curtin University Mathieu Iacopetta Sustainability prize for her research with the Town. One significant outcome of this research was a desire by the community to see more native plants and nature play elements to be used in future parks makeovers.



Bin Liners

It has been over 250 days since our community started diverting organic material from our waste to turn it into compost. The Town provided 200 liners along with the new kitchen caddy and FOGO bin when the service started. If you have run out or are getting low on liners, you can collect a roll from:

- » Customer Service, 35 Old Perth Road - Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.00pm (excluding public holidays); or
- » Bassendean Memorial Public Library - Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 6.00pm, Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm and Saturday 9.00am to 1.00pm (excluding public holidays)

Using certified compostable liners meeting AS4736 means that the compost that is produced will be free of plastic contamination. Using liners reduces smells and vermin breeding in your caddy and bin. If the liners supplied at no charge by the Council are not suitable, Residents must ensure any purchased liners or bags meets AS4736.

Make sure to empty your caddy at least every three days by securely tying off your liner before you carefully place it in the bigger bin. Carrying the caddy out to the larger bin will reduce the risk of the bag being split or torn when carried. Placing some shredded newspaper, old paper, paper towel or leaves at the bottom of your caddy will absorb any moisture generated.

NatureLink Perth intern project

The Town is partnering with Murdoch University student, Tameka Riches, who is a NatureLink Perth intern student undertaking a project in the local area. The title of her project is *Re-imagining Biodiversity in Bassendean and Bayswater*. This project aims to assist the Town of Bassendean and City of Bayswater in restoring biodiversity to the two areas by finding strategies that incorporate biodiversity into urban landscapes.

Biodiversity is essential for our survival; it maintains the ecosystem functions we rely on for food, water and air quality, carbon cycling, and countless others. The more biodiversity (i.e. biological diversity), the more resilient our ecosystems. It provides not only these “invisible” services but also creates a more aesthetic and healthy landscape that directly benefits our health and wellbeing.

The project will investigate the history of Bassendean and Bayswater to develop an understanding of the flora, fauna, bushlands, and wetlands that existed previously, and how urbanisation has shaped these areas over time. This will also involve evaluating the extent of biodiversity loss by comparing the past with the present and explain why the lack of biodiversity is problematic. In addition, the project will explore the existing actions that promote and restore biodiversity to Bassendean and Bayswater and offer new and novel ideas to achieve these biodiversity goals.

Tameka’s goal is to help create a more interesting, beautiful and healthy urban landscape in Bassendean and Bayswater, and also provide ideas that will be of value across Perth and beyond.



Citrus Gall Wasp



Citrus Gall Wasp

Please check your citrus trees for lumps and bumps on the branches and twigs.

Damage caused by the Citrus Gall Wasp can be severe, sometimes rendering mature trees unproductive and deforming or killing newly planted trees. The wasp attacks all citrus types including mandarins, oranges, grapefruit, cumquats, lemons and limes, including the popular native limes. It forms distinctive gall nests on stems, which look like woody bulges up to 250 mm long and 25 mm thick.

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) has confirmed the pest wasp was first discovered in Perth in 2013, and has spread across as many as 50 suburbs.

Home gardeners can take steps to prune out branches affected by galls as soon as possible and solarise the pruned stems by

placing them in a black plastic bag (double bagging is best) and baking in the sun for four weeks.

Further information on citrus gall wasp and effective control methods is available on DPIRD's website www.agric.wa.gov.au/plant-biosecurity/citrus-gall-wasp-control

Gold Standard for Water awarded.

The Town has recently been re-endorsed as a Gold Waterwise Council by the Water Corporation and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. Councils are awarded ratings based on their improvements to water efficiency and how they are helping to create waterwise communities. With this re-endorsement, the Town has been recognised for its work in maintaining green and livable spaces using less water and promoting waterwise gardens and verges in the community.

Being a Gold Waterwise Council is another way that the Town is being acknowledged for its commitment to the One Planet Principles specifically Sustainable Water. Being closely connected to the river and having magnificent wetlands and green spaces were highlighted as important priorities by our community in the "Bassendream our Future" community engagement process.



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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.

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