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Frequently Asked Questions - Community Groups

What is “Power to the People”?

Town of Bassendean Power to the People Pilot Project is being delivered in partnership with RAC WA through its Reconnect WA initiative, which aims to create vibrant streets and public spaces for Western Australians to interact and connect with each other.

The project idea was developed following extensive community engagement for the Town Centre Masterplan that revealed 85% of residents desired a vibrant, active, and walkable town centre. ‘Power to the People’ focuses on redesigning and beautifying a portion of the high street as a pedestrian only zone in the Bassendean town centre.

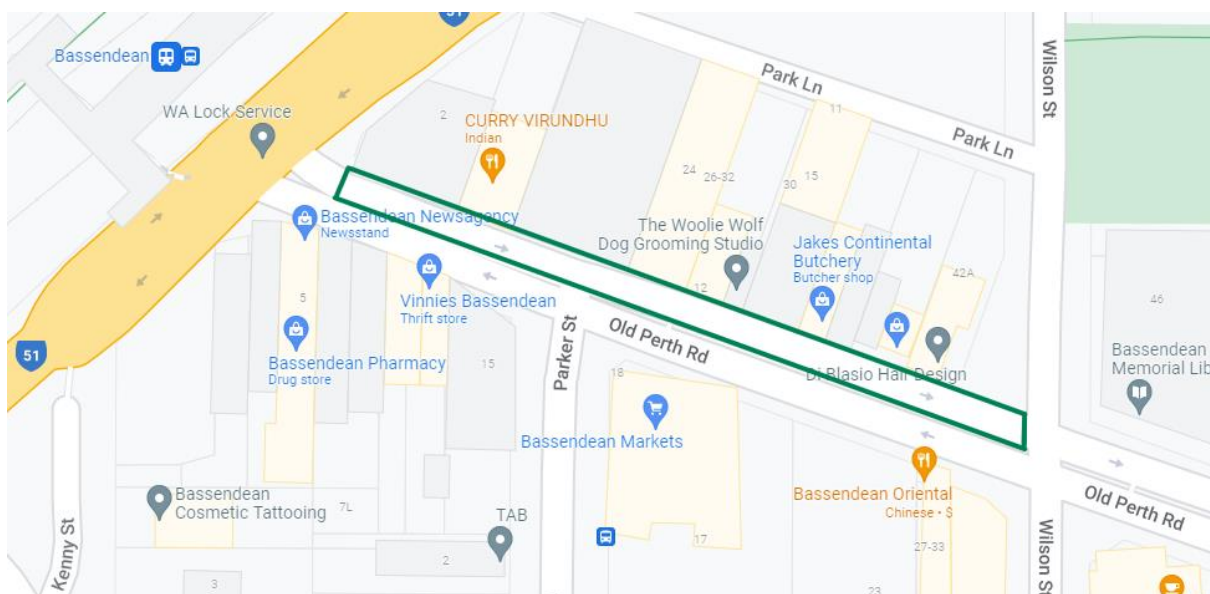
Read more on the [Town Website](#).

What dates will the project run?

P2P will run during the spring school holidays, Saturday 24 September to Sunday 9 October.

Where is the road closure and activation area?

One side of Old Perth Road will be closed from Guildford Road to Wilson Street, as shown below.



The closed area will be equipped with trees, garden beds, astroturf, furniture, and marquees. There will be separate designated spaces with different capacities to allow for a range of activities and entertainment.

A perceptions survey will be conducted throughout the activation period to evaluate the effectiveness of the pedestrian only zone.

How can we get involved?

We would love for our local community groups to get involved! This activation will be a great time grow your membership, showcase your past or upcoming projects, share your interests & skills, and get to know more of our community. There are various times available across the activation, or you can also join us at Community Connect (see below).

Some suggestions include:

- Hold your regular meetings in the activation area for a change of scenery
- Host a social get-together
- Fundraise for your group with a stall or sausage sizzle
- Hold a food or clothing donation drive for charity
- Organise a class or workshop
- Any other ideas that will showcase your group and connect with the community.

The Town of Bassendean Community Grants Program can offer eligible applicants/programs up to \$2,000 to help deliver activities that promote a vibrant, connected, and inclusive community. Eligibility and application guidelines can be found on the [Town Website](#).

Community Connect

On Sunday 9 October, we're excited to be organising Community Connect – an opportunity for our local community to come down and meet our Community Groups and see what they do, and maybe get involved! Save the date if you'd like to have a stall, more details are to follow.

How do I discuss my ideas or book an area?

You can contact Shanel De Silva (sdesilva@bassendean.wa.gov.au) or Jennifer Henderson (jhenderson@bassendean.wa.gov.au) via email or call 9377 8000 to help develop your ideas and work out which part of the P2P zone will be best, or they can redirect your call. The schedule is filling up, so have a few dates and times in mind when you reach out.