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# Power to the People

## Bringing back life to Old Perth Road

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

From 24 September until 9 October 9 2022, the Town is trialling a pedestrian-only zone in the north lane of Old Perth Road between Guildford Road and Wilson Street.

We will be hosting two weeks of FREE events, workshops, and activities in the trial zone.

During this time, we encourage the community to provide feedback through a

survey that will be made available onsite and online.

The information received during this time will be used to guide Council's decisions on the future of the space.

To find out more about the Reconnect WA initiative and to view the Town Centre Masterplan, please visit [www.oldperthroad.com](http://www.oldperthroad.com)

## Would you like to organise an event in the activation zone?

**The Town of Bassendean invites event organizers, business owners, community groups and residents to submit an Events Application. Grants are available.**

The zone will be available from November.

Please visit [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au)



Artist's impression

**Power** TO THE **PEOPLE**

**BRINGING BACK LIFE  
TO OLD PERTH ROAD**

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# Message from the Mayor

## Kaya!

Welcome to our September edition of Thrive.

Many in our community have indicated a preference for an electronic version of our Town's newsletter so we have responded. To sign up for e-Thrive, please visit [bassendean.wa.gov.au/signup](https://bassendean.wa.gov.au/signup).

To enable ongoing updates and information to be provided to all sections of our community, printed copies are still available in our Library, Customer Service and Seniors Centre if you prefer.

We will be bringing life back to the west end of Old Perth Road during the upcoming school holidays with a bunch of free activities on offer whilst we trial a pedestrian friendly zone. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow community members and experience our wonderful

town centre. Further information on "Power to the People" is featured in this newsletter. Importantly, your feedback will be vital to Council as it considers the future of this space.

Further adding to the excitement on Old Perth Road is the much-anticipated re-opening of the Bassendean Hotel. An interview with ARK Group's Adam Kapinkoff, is also featured in this edition. After two years of significant restoration works to this grand old historical building, the Hotel will re-open this month in all her majestic glory to serve the thirsty and the hungry. Without a doubt the wait has been worth it to see such a stunning transformation.

Please come along and check out what is happening in our town centre over the coming weeks. I look forward to seeing you there!



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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.

# Bassendean Hotel Re-opening



**Built in 1930 by Paddy Connolly, The Bassendean Hotel has remained a key feature and community gathering place on Old Perth Road for almost 100 years.**

The Town of Bassendean asked ARK Group's Adam Kapinkoff about the Hotel's refurbishment, re-opening, and his future vision for the heritage establishment.

## **Please tell us some background on your involvement with the Bassendean Hotel?**

I'm the General Manager of our family owned and operated hospitality group (ARK Group) that is always looking for opportunities in the sector. Our family has been involved in pubs, bars, hotels and motels for over forty-five years throughout Western Australia. I have been involved in the acquisition, planning, design and delivery of the Hotel. It's been a challenging project with a ninety-two-year-old building. We've learnt plenty and we are extremely proud of the pub we will be delivering to the community. Hopefully, they love it!

## **What prompted you to undergo these renovations?**

The Hotel has stood proud since 1930 on Old Perth Road as a community asset and meeting place and it felt like the right time to re-invest in the Hotel to match the evolution of the area. We identified the Bassendean as an excellent opportunity to be repositioned with a large and gentrifying catchment, proximity to the CBD, trainline, industrial areas and swan river and the fact that old historical hotels are generally tightly held assets. The fact there are 80 car bays onsite and plentiful parking nearby also helps.

## **What is your personal connection to Bassendean and the Bassendean Hotel?**

I must confess I didn't grow up around the area, but I have been blown away by the local community and how parochial and proud they are of Bassendean. I have learnt a lot about the history, characters, stories and heritage of the area as we worked closely with Jennie Carter (current councillor and local historian) and we have paid homage to as much of this as practical in the renovation. In total, we have about 350 historical images around the Hotel thanks to Jennie.

## **What inspirations did you draw from for the design?**

The renovation was inspired by the inter-war classical style of hotel construction and pays homage to the history of the site. I just think you have to respect these old pubs when renovating them. There had to be consideration for spaces for the modern consumer also, so there are additional courtyards and a playground.

The saloon bar is something special. Once the gyprock ceiling was taken down, the double height space had beautiful original brickwork and the steel and wooden beams were exposed and have been left that way.

This space is essentially a mini-museum with photos of the last ninety-two years of the development of the Town of Bassendean, historical landmarks and people.

The Hotel balcony has been completely rebuilt and can be used for functions, dining and socialising and is a great spot to perch as well.

In total, there are nine zones, six bars and two kitchens and it will be licenced for circa 1250 pax.

**How do you envision the Hotel and its purpose in Bassendean moving forward?**

We felt the renovation could be a show of confidence and a catalyst for further investment in Old Perth Road in the near future, which is complimented by the extensive Town Master Plan. The

Town Master plan showed the potential infill and development of the locality. The fundamentals for growth are there – a solid master plan, proximity to the trainline, CBD, parks, quality schools, the Swan River and the Swan Valley are also nearby. There is a lot going on in the area.

I feel like the western aspect of Old Perth Road could be an exciting little food and beverage strip and create some real vibrancy and activity in the town centre seven days per week.

We're excited to be a part of Bassendean and will be here for a long time to come! See you at the pub.



# Bassendream Film Director Tim Barretto



Tim Barretto, a local film maker and owner of Lab West Film, grew up on Harcourt Street in Bassendean during the 1990s. As a third generation 'Bassen-Dreamer', his childhood memories of the suburban streets and natural landscapes in the area provided the perfect backdrop for his 90s period piece and feature film debut, Bassendream.

Perfectly encapsulating the mood and nostalgia of growing up in Perth in the 1990s, through beautiful cinematography and an all-Australian soundtrack, the film follows the lives of multiple characters, young and old, as they cross paths on one hot summer day in the mid-nineties.

For Tim Barretto, the making of Bassendream has been a long and winding road.

The Perth film maker started with a vision; to recreate the nostalgia of his childhood through the lens of a 16mm camera.

Tim conceptualised the film from shared memories of growing up in the leafy riverside suburb, which he and his friends affectionately refer to as 'the Dream'.

"We talked about our childhood and what made it special" he said. "It was the unchained freedom that we were given... there was a safe enough bubble here that gave us that freedom". He added, "You knew a person on every street so you could just run and knock on their door".

As Tim recalls, children in the area would spend time together, regardless of what school they went to. "I went to St Michael's but I had lots of friends that went to Bassendean Primary and Eden Hill. Your street friends were your street friends, and your school friends were your school friends, so there was that separation'.

It is in Bassendean, that Tim believes a lot of his creativity was birthed. "People who grew up here tend to have an ambition that

shines...lots of people have done really good things and been very successful in the practice that they choose".

Set in the mid-nineties, a time before smartphones and social media, the film takes us back, to life before the internet. When kids would connect with friends and discover themselves through hours-long conversations, getting into mischief and playing in the bush all summer long. "The landscapes, the swamp, the river, was all a playground for us", he said.

Tim describes the style of the film as a heightened reality - for the kids, juxtaposed against the nightmarish struggle of adults dealing with substance abuse, family breakdowns and depression, unbeknownst to the children, until these worlds undoubtedly collide.

Filmed over two summers in 2016 and 2017, the cast and crew are half comprised of Bassendean residents, making it a truly local feature.

The landscapes and architecture provide the perfect backdrop for this 90s period piece with excellent costume and set design, right down to the appearance of an old Telstra landline, Hills Hoist and some very daggy fashion choices. Bassendream





takes the viewer back in time and forces one to contemplate a simpler era, when community, friendships and enjoying the outdoors were all there was.

We all escape reality these days, through our technology and fantasy world of social media, but what the film reminds us of is the undisputable rawness of life, when we simply focus on what's in front of us, with no distractions. The film is relatable, realistic, and humanistic to the point of being uncomfortable.

When asked how the film will translate overseas, Tim says the themes are universal. "Bassendean was the tool for the suburb, but it could be any suburb", he said. In fact, Tim completed the script overseas after the first summer of filming and editing. "I was living in Sydney at the time working on film sets and I was like, 'I've got to get away' so I went to Taiwan (laughs) and there was heavy rains at the time and I sat in a 7/11 for two weeks

and wrote the rest of the movie" further adding that his creative process thrived with an outsiders perspective.

Since the film wrapped, Barretto has allowed its audience to grow organically, instead of pushing it into the spotlight. He believes his slow-paced approach towards writing, filming, and releasing it has been the reason for its success.

It appears Bassendream has a life of its own, with a driving purpose so far not totally understood.

Already having sold out three 500 capacity sessions at Revelation film festival and two almost sold-out cinemas at Luna Leederville, Tim says most films start out internationally and eventually find success at home, whereas Bassendream has already captured the hearts of West Australians, probably due to its impressive portrayal of what Perth was like back in the 1990s.

But it wasn't all smooth sailing for Bassendream. For a while it appeared the film may never get released, as Tim and his wife Melanie, who produced the film, struggled to source funding to complete it.

"We had no one above us. We ran a really nice set, we didn't promise anything... we did three months extensive editing to make it as smooth possible. I cut it in different stages, I was just working on it in between jobs, and we had some traction with an executive producer over east but then COVID hit".

After coming back to Perth, Ian Hale, Managing Director of HALO films and Director of Backlot Cinema, approached Tim and asked what was happening with the film.

But for Tim, without the right soundtrack, the film could never go ahead. "I didn't really want to compromise", he says, "If I can't get the music, then I won't release it. I was pretty stubborn" Tim needed completion funding to get the music licence, so with Ian's help, they worked out a strategy to get a limited licence for a few years, so they could release the film and see what the response was like. It was definitely the right move. The all-Australian soundtrack is reminiscent of what many locals probably recall hearing from Steel Blue Oval when the Big Day Out used to come to town.

It's a catch 22 in Australian independent cinema. The industry wants to see international success before a film can



be funded, but with Bassendream, Tim needed funding to finish it.

“It’s hard to get people to the cinema. I think with Australian films we try to do an American formula and that’s fine, some people enjoy that, but people also want to go and see something refreshing. It might be a bit different, but at least they can say ‘I relate to that character, that’s like my uncle, that’s like my daughter, etc.’ People always respond to honest characters”.

Tim says if people make movies like Bassendream on an independent level and don’t feel nurtured along the way, then local cinema can never flourish. He says it doesn’t have to be financial, but just offering some advice or offering an industry connection can make a huge difference in whether these kinds of films get made or not.

Tim says he looks forward to sharing local cinema with audiences abroad as

he takes the next steps in locking in the international premiere. The film will be screened at the Darwin International film festival this month and at an Eastern States screening which will be announced soon.

### **So what is next for Bassendream?**

“My grandmother is writing Bassendream part two, she lives just down the road”, he laughs. When asked if he would be open to taking the idea further, he concluded “I wouldn’t say no, I’m open to exploring a sequel or another format, but also have some other projects in the works.”

Tim’s current focus is pre-production for his next feature, a relationship drama set on the Bibbulmun track.

Bassendream will be screening at the Telethon Community Outdoor Cinema in Bassendean on Thursday December 1st to open its season. Get your tickets now at <https://communitycinemas.com.au> 😊



# Citizenship Ceremony

**Receiving Australian Citizenship is an important step for people who have chosen Australia as their home.**

On Saturday 1 October, the Town of Bassendean will be welcoming nearly 30 new citizens at Power to the People on Old Perth Road. All are welcome to join us to celebrate or reaffirm your citizenship. Ceremony starts at 10am promptly.



# 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".



# Community Housing at Hyde Retirement Village

**The Town of Bassendean joined forces with Connect Victoria Park to provide low-cost housing opportunities for over 60s at the Hyde Retirement Village.**

Nine units in the Village were made available to applicants who have struggled to secure housing amidst the current rental crisis, with priority given to low-income single women over 60 and those who have already resided in Bassendean.

This follows a decision by the Town of Bassendean Council late last year to complement the current lease-for-life arrangements at the Village with Community Housing as a way to contribute local solutions to the housing crisis.

Town of Bassendean Mayor Kathryn Hamilton said, “The housing crisis throughout Australia is well known. Single and older women are overrepresented amongst the asset poor and are one of the fastest growing groups of homeless people nationally. Western Australia, and Perth specifically, is no different, with many reports readily available quoting high numbers of older women who are at risk of homelessness in Perth and large waiting lists for social housing. With nine units currently available, this partnership between the Town of Bassendean and Connect is an important local initiative to do what we can, as a small local government, to assist in the provision of housing that is affordable for older people”.

Connect has provided Community Housing for older people in Victoria Park for over 60 years. They also operate the first Village Hub in Western Australia, nurturing a community of people over 55 who come together to support each other in ageing well and living independently for as long

as possible. Currently, Connect owns and manages 70 units and 4 retirement villas in Vic Park, while the Village Hub facilitates activities and services for over 300 members.

“Connect’s interest in managing the vacant tenancies at HRV is driven by our desire to play a part in addressing the housing crisis impacting older people”, said Connect’s CEO, Luke Garswood. “We know from experience the value of a safe and secure home for older people. We know many older people seeking community housing have paid rent all their lives and find they can’t keep up with rent payments when they retire due to ill health or age. Sometimes people have retired with a large mortgage, or divorced and have little left to start again. Often people find themselves couch surfing or incredibly stressed as they worry over how to pay the next lot of rent or how to cope with the next increase”.

For more information, go to the Town’s website link below, or Connect’s website at [www.connectvictoriapark.org](http://www.connectvictoriapark.org)



# What's on at the Library

This year, the Bassendean Memorial Library celebrates 50 years of service to our community- you can read about our history and check out how the library was built here. A lot has changed over 50 years, but the library is still a community space, here to inform, entertain, bring together and inspire. Use your library - it is more than just books.

**Books on wheels:** our housebound delivery service delivers to patrons who are unable to visit the library; fortnightly or monthly delivery, available to Town's residents only

**Click and Collect:** reserve item online and pick it up at the library

**eLibrary:** eBooks, eAudio, movies and more: digital library at your fingertips

**Cyber Citizen:** one-on-one help with your digital device, laptop or computer- call 9279 2966 to book

## October activities

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**7 October- Talking History @Bassendean Memorial Library:** Learn a little about your local schools, when they were established, their mottos and see their annual reports and school history books - Local Studies 10.30am-11.30am

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**12 October-** Calligraphy workshop, Library meeting room 1, 1pm-2.30pm free- book via Trybooking

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**19 October-** Science Mum...free- book via Trybooking

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**31 October-** Lego League, Library meeting room 1, 4pm-5pm free- book via Trybooking

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**Craft group-** every Friday 9am-12noon, Library meeting room 1; just drop in, everyone is welcomed

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**Mahjong-** every Tuesday 12.30-2.30; 6pm-7.30pm new players welcome for evening classes

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**ESL (English as Second Language)-** every Monday Beginners 5pm; Intermediate 5.30pm. Call to register your interest 9279 2966 or email [baslib@bassedean.gov.au](mailto:baslib@bassedean.gov.au)

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**Rhymetime-** every Wednesday 11am

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**Storytime-** every Thursday 10.30am

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**Justice of the Peace-** available on the first 3 Wednesdays of the month 10am-11.30am and on the first and third Saturday of the month 9.15am-12noon

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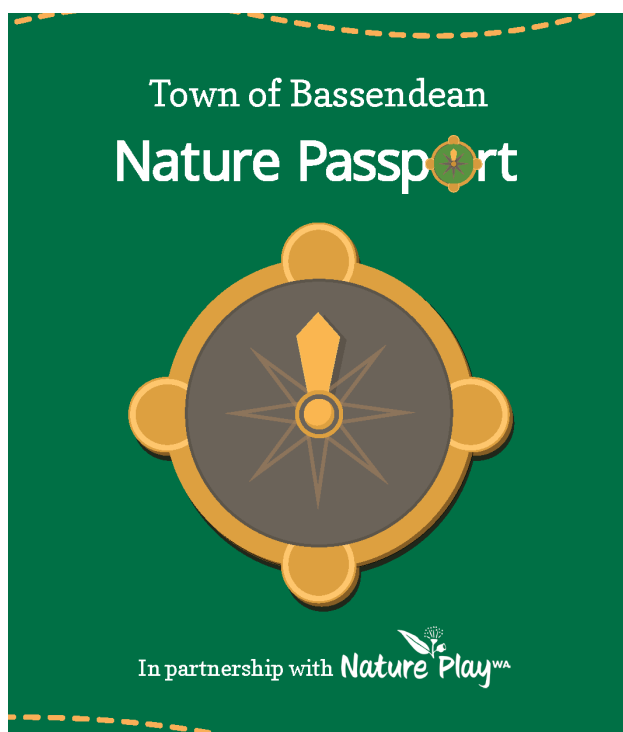
# Nature Play Passport

Explore nature in the Town of Bassendean, play, create, imagine, look closer, and have some fun with your friends and family.

Collect your free Town of Bassendean Nature Passport from Bassendean Memorial Library, or the Power to the People Activation from 24 September- 9 October, Old Perth Road, Bassendean (available from the Waste and Sustainability stall on weekdays, excluding the public holiday and Saturdays 9am- 1pm).

All children who complete the six activities in the Nature Passport and return it during the Activation will receive a Nature Champion badge. You will also receive entry into the draw to win a family pass to Caversham Wildlife Park. (Terms and Conditions apply).

Competition closes on 9 October 2022.



# St Michael's Primary School

## Students visit to Council Chambers

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The students gathered in the council chambers where they were given an overview of the Town of Bassendean, took part in a local government pop quiz and participated in a mock council meeting.

Year 4 teacher David Caddy said after the excursion, the children showed good knowledge of local council; learnt in a fun and interesting way.

"I heard one child comment, "That was the best excursion I have ever been on", he said.





# Sandy Beach Playground

**As the weather warms up, brings the family down to the new Sandy Beach playground.**

Sandy Beach is one of the Town's most prominent natural open spaces. It attracts many people from within and outside the Town.

The \$1.62m playground was made possible by the Town securing multiple funding opportunities through the Commonwealth Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Grant, Lotterywest, State Government and the Town of Bassendean.

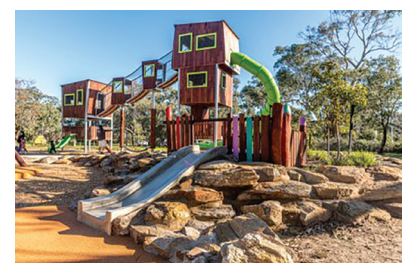
The location of the playground is well serviced by the existing footpath network and the newly completed Whitfield Safe Active Street. End of trip facilities such as

bike rails and water fountains have been provided along with a new toilet block with unisex toilets.

Please bring your family and loved ones and come enjoy this wonderful new community space. Don't forget your insect repellent!

The Town acknowledges the site of the playground is on Whadjuk Noongar Land.

*The Town welcomes interested food truck vendors to apply to trade at the Reserve. Please email enquiries to [mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au) or phone customer service on (08) 9377 8000.*



# Waste Updates

## Community Drop Off Morning

The Town of Bassendean Community Recycling Drop off Morning will now be held at EMRC Baywaste, 271 Collier Road, Bayswater on 15 October 2022 from 10am to 4pm.

The following items will be accepted free of charge for Town of Bassendean residents:

- Tyres (passenger vehicle, off rim, up to 4)
- Cardboard
- E-waste
- Polystyrene
- Engine Oil (20L max)
- Lead Acid Batteries (car batteries)
- Aerosols (empty); and
- Metal

All items (other than tyres) are accepted at Baywaste free of charge for Town of Bassendean residents during their opening hours:

- Monday to Friday – 7:30am to 4pm
- Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays – 10am to 4pm
- Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday

Please bring ID and proof of address.

## Containers For Change Exchange Points

WA Return Recycle Renew Limited (WARRRL) research has shown that 86% of people recycle at home, but only 48% will recycle while out and about.

It is observed that an overwhelming majority of people do recycle, provided it is convenient.

The Town of Bassendean has been selected by WARRRL to receive funding to provide Container Exchange Points in local parks and busy streets where no other recycling options are available.

The Town has been provided with the initial infrastructure and audits free of charge, including 11 baskets and 6 cradles.

Opportunities to purchase additional infrastructure, at reduced costs, will be made available if the trial is a success.

The Container Exchange baskets and cradles have many benefits including;

- Separation at point of disposal, allowing an increased chance for 10c containers to be recycled
- Once installed, no logistics costs – the general public remove containers
- Provides an ability for the general public to take containers in a dignified way.

For more information on the program please visit WA Return Recycle Renew at [warrl.com.au](http://warrl.com.au).

## Free Disposal Locations For Waste

The following items can be dropped off at the Customer Service Centre and/or Library:

- Mobile Phones (Customer Service Centre only)
- Fluorescent Lights (bulbs and tubes)
- Batteries - household (these are now accepted more widely at Bunnings etc)
- Nespresso Pods
- Writing instruments (excluding pencils)
- X-rays
- Printer cartridges

Officeworks accepts:

- E-waste
- Printer cartridges and ink
- Mobile Phones
- Batteries
- Pens and markers

The following items can be dropped off at Wasteless Pantry:

- Plastic lids
- Bread tags
- Ring pulls
- Dental products
- Beauty products packaging only
- Beer bottle tops
- Metal lids
- Hair care products
- Hair colour packaging

Bassendean Optical accepts:

- Used spectacles for recycling/reuse

Major supermarkets such as Coles and Woolworths accept:

- Soft plastics



HOME BY THE SWAN



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