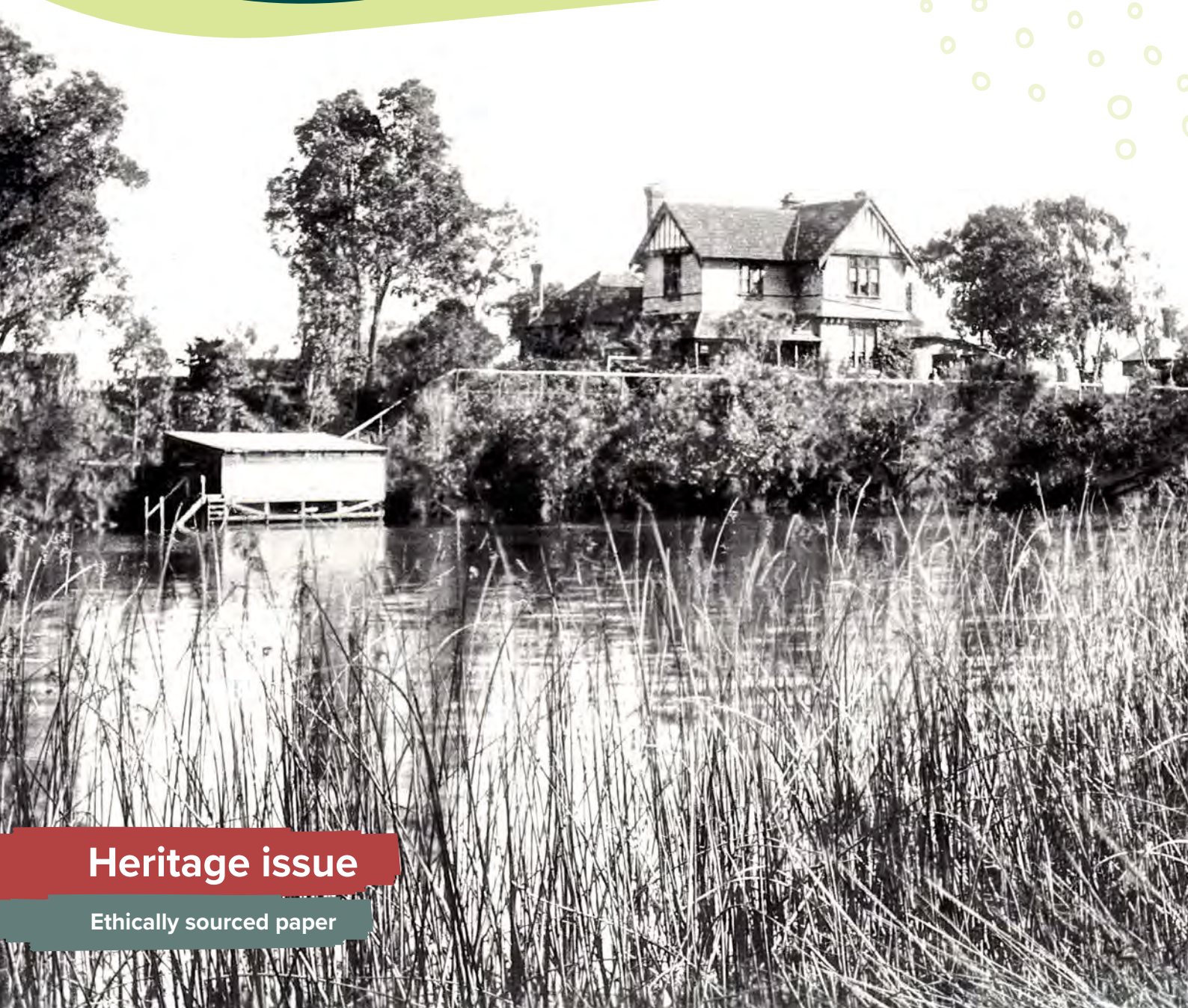


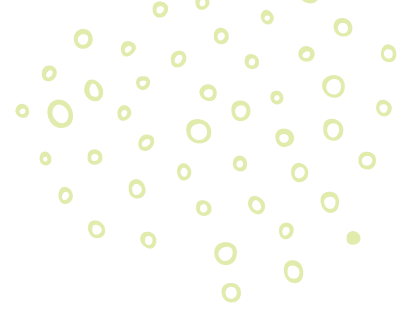
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Hello and welcome to the first edition of Thrive for 2023.

It's been a whirlwind start to the year, with the days flying by, as we move through the Noongar season of Bunuru (the Second Summer) that is the hottest time of the year with little or no rain and warm easterly winds. Nature moves to a timetable that is visible to all where the onset of the cooler Djeran season will gradually transform the landscapes around us over coming months.

The upcoming W.A. Tree Festival celebrates the state's unique and diverse tree species and offers opportunities to learn more about the importance of trees to our wildlife and environment.

Don't forget, the Street Tree planting season will commence after the first rains in May. If you would like to request a tree to be planted on your verge, please head to page 6 for more information. Limited numbers of certain tree varieties are available so do get in early. Also the ever popular Plants to Residents program will once again provide an opportunity for residents to add native plants and trees to their gardens. Greening our suburb is best achieved through wonderful collaborations between residents, the Town, and amazing volunteers who

work hard to preserve and enhance sensitive areas such as wetlands and foreshore areas. During National Volunteer Week a wealth of information will be provided about our local volunteer groups and how you can become involved.

On behalf of Council I would very much like to extend a warm welcome to Mr Cameron Woods who will commence as CEO for the Town of Bassendean in coming weeks. This follows a rigorous recruitment process that attracted a large field of high calibre applicants, concluding in Council's unanimous support for the appointment of Cameron to the role. As a well respected innovative leader and accomplished CEO with a wealth of experience in multi-faceted environments, I look forward to working with Cameron as we embark on an exciting new chapter to deliver the community's vision for our Town.

Wishing you well,

Kath Hamilton
Mayor

Appointment of new CEO

At the 9 January Special Council Meeting, a unanimous decision was made to appoint Cameron Woods as the new CEO of the Town of Bassendean.

Cameron holds a Bachelor of Applied Science and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He brings with him a wealth of experience as CEO at the Shire of Exmouth and more recently the Shire of Plantagenet during periods of significant change and growth.

'My experience and passion for economic development; community activation and effective community engagement are an ideal fit for the Town of Bassendean.'

Other key focus areas for Cameron are to retain and build on the best of Bassendean, including the retention of green spaces and historical assets whilst building on the vibrancy and liveability of the Town.

Cameron will commence his role at the Town in April 2023.



Cameron Woods with Mayor Kathryn Hamilton

'The Town's celebrated country vibe, sense of community and natural environment reflect my own preferences both as a place to live and work.'

Cameron Woods

Funding opportunities ...



Lions Club Bassendean's new grants program

The Lions Club Bassendean is a community-based non-profit organisation who have determined to raise 50% funds to be donated to local community-based organisations or groups seeking to build or provide a better community.

Their new grants program provides up to \$500 for worthwhile community projects. Projects eligible to be funded under the scheme are those that are designed to enhance the communities of Bassendean, Ashfield and Eden Hill.

Who can apply?

Incorporated and unincorporated associations are eligible to apply along with members of the community who are seeking to establish a new association to meet a recognised community need.

Depending on demand, additional grants may be provided depending on their financial capacity.

To apply for a grant, please put your application in writing to the Lions Club of Bassendean, PO Box 329, Bassendean, WA 6934.

Find funding opportunities through Bassendean Grants Hub

The Town has invested in a subscription to GrantGuru to provide the 'Bassendean Grants Hub' to all local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals.

This site provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you. Our free service means you will never miss a grant opportunity again.

Register to receive emailed alerts for new grants, save your favourites and access tips to help you apply for grants.

The Town of Bassendean is proud to partner with GrantGuru to provide you with this service.



Visit <https://bassendean.grantguru.com.au/> to see what grants are available to you!



For seniors...

Like to become a cyber citizen?

Are you new to the digital world?
Would you like to learn how to use your new smart phone or tablet/iPad?

The Bassendean Memorial Library offers residents digital literacy training including how to use iPads, computers, the internet and social media.

Sessions run for one hour.



For enquiries and bookings please phone (08) 9279 2966.



Seniors Safety and Security Rebate

If you are a WA Seniors Card member, you can apply to receive the Safety and Security Rebate which allows a claim of up to \$400 per household towards the purchase of an eligible home security or safety item.

Please note that conditions apply.

If you are a WA Seniors Card member and would like to submit your Safety and Security Rebate application online, please contact the Bassendean Memorial Library for assistance.



For further information about eligibility and to view terms and conditions, please contact the WA Seniors Card Centre on 1800 671 233.



...and for everyone

Working with the Stephen Michael Foundation

On December 13, 2022, Council resolved to engage the Stephen Michael Foundation to coordinate a Youth Engagement Program at Ashfield Reserve, to strengthen the connections between young people and their community.

What is this?

The program aims to facilitate community connection, social inclusion and belonging and will use sport and recreation and other culturally appropriate activities as a vehicle to engage with families and youth in the Ashfield area.

Local sporting groups will also be encouraged to participate and further strengthen community relationships.



More to come...

The Town is currently confirming a detailed project scope with Stephen Michael Foundation, so keep an eye out for further information as the project progresses.



For more information please visit <https://smfoundation.org.au/>

RElax Program

The Town of Bassendean is an official partner of Act–Belong–Commit, a community-based campaign that encourages people to take action to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

Our RELax Program offers a range of activities to help promote good health and mental wellbeing in the Town. These interesting and varied activities include:

- Hatha Yoga
- Tai Chi for Health
- Zumba® (Mon)
- African Drumming
- HIIT 30 (Mon and Thur)
- Wu Tao
- Samba Drumming
- Swing Dancing
- Thursday Morning Yoga
- Train 50.
- Zumba® Gold

Why not try something new? Download the brochure or pick up a copy from Customer Service or the Bassendean Memorial Library.



Visit <https://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/community/community-services/relax-program.aspx>



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

15-21 MAY 2023
THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

National Volunteer Week (NVW) is Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering and will be held on 15–21 May 2023. The theme for National Volunteer Week 2023 is 'The Change Makers'.

To find out more about the groups we have in Bassendean and how you can get involved, head to the Town's Community Directory via bassendean.wa.gov.au/listings/community/communityorganisations



Request a Verge Tree

Expressions of interest are now open for the 2023 winter street planting program.

To order your **free** street tree fill out the Verge Tree Expression of Interest form on our website or submit a hardcopy to customer service at 35 Old Perth Road. Once your request is received, the Town will inspect your verge and may contact you to discuss further.

The Town will usually select an appropriate tree species based on your street, however, if you have a preference, you may choose a species from the list of species we have available.



Urban Tree Canopy

The urban tree canopy dashboard is a spatial data set produced by the West Australian Planning Commission, Department of Planning Lands and Heritage and CSIRO's Urban Monitor Program.

The dashboard uses data gathered from high resolution aerial imagery to measure and monitor tree canopy trends across Perth and Peel. Tree canopy data can be searched by suburb and local government area.



To access the Urban Tree Canopy Dashboard visit www.wa.gov.au

Did you know?

Town of Bassendean has relatively low tree canopy cover, at 15%, based on the most recent tree canopy mapping from 2020.

The Town has planted 3000 street trees over the past 3 years, and thousands of plants in natural areas (nearly 25,000 in 2022, of which 2070 were trees and 33,000 in 2021).

It is hoped that the impact of the Town's efforts over the past three years will be reflected in the updated canopy mapping data, due to be released this year.

2023 Plants to Residents

The Town's Plants to Residents program is happening again this year, with residents able to purchase native, water wise plants at a subsidised rate of \$1 each through EnviroHouse.

29 April: Launch Event — a selection of early release plants and Plant Vouchers available at the Bassendean Markets

2 May: Plant Vouchers go on sale online, in person or over the phone through Enviro House (details below)

27–28 May: Plant Collection — Pre-booked plant collection from the Town Depot, 69 Scaddan Street

28 May afternoon: Excess and unclaimed plants will be available following the main collection event.

Remember to bring your proof of residence when collecting plants. Please note that this will be the only weekend for plant collection, any plants not collected on the day will be forfeited.



Enviro House

www.envirohouse.org.au | (08) 9271 4488
125 King Williams Street, Bayswater

Opening hours:

Tuesday to Friday: 9am to 1pm

Saturday: 10am to 4pm

Closed on Sundays, Mondays and Public Holidays

Anzac Day

bravery, ingenuity, endurance and mateship

On 25 April 1915, 16,000 Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli to invade Turkey, capture Constantinople (Istanbul) and take down the Ottoman Empire.

By the first evening, around 2000 soldiers were killed or wounded. With strong Turkish resistance, months passed and the troops made it no further than their original landing place. In late December 1915, after eight months in the trenches, the remaining troops were successfully evacuated.

Anzac Day marks the first campaign of Australian and New Zealand troops as federated allies in any war and helped to form the foundations of Australian society. The bravery, endurance and mateship of those men came to forge the Australian values that we share today.

‘The Gallipoli campaign was a military failure but the characteristics that the Anzacs displayed throughout the campaign – bravery, ingenuity, endurance and mateship – have come to be celebrated as defining characteristics of the Australian personality.’

National Museum of Australia

This year Bassendean Eastern Regional RSL will be hosting Anzac Day services throughout the day starting with a Dawn Service at Halliday Park in Bayswater and then a Gunfire Breakfast at Bassendean RSL. At 1100 a service will be held at the War Memorial on BIC Reserve to commemorate Anzac Day.

Afterwards there will be food, drinks and live music throughout the afternoon at Bassendean RSL, 10 Kenny Street, Bassendean.



Bassendean Eastern Regional RSL Anzac Day service itinerary

- 0600 Dawn Service
Halliday Park, Bayswater
- 0700 Gunfire Breakfast at the
Bassendean RSL,
10 Kenny St, Bassendean
- 0900 Service at Stirling Gardens,
Guildford
- 1030 Move to the back of the
Bassendean Hotel and form
up for march.
- 1045 Step off to the BIC Memorial
- 1100 Service to commemorate
Anzac Day, BIC Reserve
- 1145 The Bassendean RSL
will have food and drinks
throughout the afternoon
and a band.
Two-up will be played in
between sets; raffles and
prizes will be organised.

Please note: The Bassendean RSL is a cash only venue; there is no EFTPOS facility.



FROM LEFT: Joobych, Woolberr (Josh Vaughn McGuire's grandfather), Monnop, Dool and Genburdong painted for corroboree performance in Guildford, 1907.

IMAGE COURTESY OF STATE LIBRARY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA PASSEY COLLECTION.

Kings in our own Country

Why? Why do I find it hard to walk around this Land and find it hard to feel at home within my own Country? Much of our homeland has been settled on, homes and buildings have been built on sites that are so meaningful and spiritual to many of my people; for over 65,000 years we have occupied this Land, being the carers and keepers of Australia.

I know and understand that we as Australians can't change what has happened in the past, but we can all help change the future. I am the seventh child of my parents whose families have walked and lived on such a wonderful Country for years, we've lived within the Balance of Nature and knew how to read the changing of Nature and time.

As a Whadjuk Man growing up through the Seventies experiencing racism and a hate just for being Black, it's been a challenge. I was told to sit in the back of the classroom and not be heard. It seemed such a waste of time but I've picked up from school the things which could help me through life as we walked to school barefoot through double gees and on the hot ground, they would burn your feet.

I remember the day when my mother brought me sandals, my brother and I we thought that we owned the world? Only to break them in a few days by kicking a football at Swan Districts Football Oval and receiving a hiding for breaking these sandals: they weren't like footy boots.

We would go down to Success Hill and jump off the bridge into the water only to be told that that was a very spiritual place for our Waugul, and to stay away from there!

Every day I wake up, I do thank God above for allowing me to have not been born in those day and age, not in 1800s, when Aboriginal people had no voice or rights. To know how my people was treated by the Settlers and it curdles my blood, I wonder how people can treat people like that? You would only see that in other parts of the world—Ukraine, Russia, Burma—yet our soldiers had to travel overseas to fight for the rights of others, for peace rights, for them to be recognised and to be treated as human beings in their Country: no-one fought for us?

Working here at the Town of Bassendean I hope we can all make a change and come together: we need you to help us.

Vaughn (Josh) McGuire
Aboriginal Engagement Officer
Town of Bassendean

WA Tree Festival

Go beyond the bark at WA Tree Festival:
a community celebration of trees in our urban areas
and beyond which will run from 10 April to 10 May 2023.



WA Tree Festival keeps a close eye on the WA urban tree canopy and works with Local and State governments to drive towards a greener future for the whole of Western Australia. Inspired by similar local government programs in the UK, the WA Tree Festival highlights the importance of trees in providing a healthy and thriving environment for humans and animals. Each year a series of workshops and activities take place to promote tree planting in our urban areas and explore the different ways in which trees enrich our lives.



To find out more please visit
www.watreefestival.com.au/

This year, the Town of Bassendean is hosting WA Tree Festival activities and workshops throughout the month:

Lunchtime Interlude on Weaving a Tree of Life Design
Wednesday 5 April | Bassendean Memorial Library

Value of old trees: Fauna Nestbox Workshop with Re-Cyc-Ology
Thursday 13 April | Bassendean Community Hall

Chair Yoga under the Trees with Bassendean 55+
Thursday 20 April | 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean

River Guardians Sandy Beach Reserve Activity with DBCA
Friday 21 April | Sandy Beach Reserve

STEM Storytime on Trees and Growth
Friday 28 April | Bassendean Memorial Library

Launch of Plants to Residents Program at Bassendean Markets with EnviroHouse
Saturday 29 April | Bassendean Markets

Tree planting triumphs and traumas on the Swan River: a guided walk with the Bassendean Preservation Group
Sunday 7 May | Sandy Beach Reserve





Gregory Pryor

Across the tracks in Eden Hill, in a garage-turned-studio attached to a 1960s bungalow, an internationally renowned artist stands in front of an enormous canvas dripping in yellows and greens.

Gregory Pryor is a highly acclaimed artist, writer and academic, most recently known for his moving representations of the Western Australian landscape. Pryor has lived in the Town of Bassendean for thirteen years and draws inspiration from the natural landscapes and cultural history of the area.

Originally from northern Victoria, Pryor studied at RMIT University and spent 20 years living and working as an artist in Melbourne.

Pryor's journey to Perth began two decades ago in Northern Italy, where he and his friend Domenico were both undertaking projects. One day, while kicking an Aussie rules football around a rural airfield, Domenico told Gregory he had been offered a job at ECU in Perth. A few aperitivi later, he asked Gregory to join him. When Gregory accepted to undertake a one-month residency in 2002, he had no idea he would be still living on the West Coast twenty years later.

Looking for 'the green'

Upon arrival in Perth, Pryor opened a street directory and 'looked for some green', ending up at Ellis Brook Valley Reserve in the City of Gosnells.

Here he discovered a spectacular natural bounty in the Perth Hills, inspiring a body of work that took him around the globe and back again—an ongoing pursuit to understand the significance of Western Australian native flora, the bush, and the Aboriginal cultural history of the area.

“*There had been a fire the year before
and when I got out of the car, I saw a hillside that was black...
but new flowers were piercing the black with a mosaic of colour,
and I realised this was the start of something big!*”

Shortly after his time in Perth, Pryor undertook an arts residency in Vienna, Austria. Despite being thousands of kilometres across the globe, Pryor could not shake the urge to do something with the photos of flowers he had taken in the Perth Hills. He got in contact with the Natural History Museum in Vienna which, fortuitously, had one of the world's most important historical collections of Western Australian plants.

The director of the herbarium gave Pryor a desk and taught him how to work with the collections through a microscope so he could cross-reference the photographs. Pryor spent three months doing detailed drawings of his floral subjects, studying their significance.

Pryor explained that in the early days of the Swan Colony, there were Austrian collectors who worked with Noongar women who understood where to find various species. The collectors took specimens of the flowers and sold them to different collections in Austria.

'I learned a lot about WA through the plants,' Pryor relates about his early time in the west. 'Over the years that expanded to the bigger landscape, and how many of the plants are threatened or been lost. Importantly, this also drew me in to learn more about the Aboriginal culture in relation to the landscape.'

The house on the hill ...

In 2007, Gregory met his wife Yi-Hsin while on an art exchange program in Taipei. Yi-Hsin was the Deputy Director of the Taipei Artist Village, a government institution that hosted artist residencies from around the globe. After their initial meeting, a romance blossomed, and they continued a long-distance relationship. Eventually, Gregory asked Yi-Hsin's parents if he could marry their daughter, and being traditional Taiwanese, one of their first questions was 'Do you have a house?'

Pryor did not own a house at the time, but in another twist of fate, when visiting Yi-Hsin in

Taiwan, he received a phone call from his gallery dealer in Perth who told him she had sold a large painting of his, which would help with a deposit on a house.

'I always wanted to live in a house on a hill, on a big block with lots of potential; that potential is still there (laughs) because I am still working here in this little old garage ...

'I was also aware of the colonial history of this area, and started to research the Aboriginal history of Bassendean. It wasn't until recently however, that my focus turned directly to the local area, which is so rich in these complex histories, and of course, the Swan itself, which is aligned to so many powerful cultural stories and events. We are not beach people, and it is close to my work at ECU, so living here suits us perfectly.'

Gregory has now developed a body of work relating to the local area around Success Hill.

'Four or five years ago I started to go down to the river and walk along that bend and do drawings and field photographs, then started to undertake detailed watercolours from this source material.'

One of the works from this series, Success Hill (repair) was submitted to the nationally recognised Splash contemporary watercolour awards in Melbourne, winning one of the main awards.

Pryor's work has been showcased at the National Gallery of Australia, The Art Gallery of Western Australia, The Queensland Art Gallery, and across Europe, the Americas, and Southeast Asia.

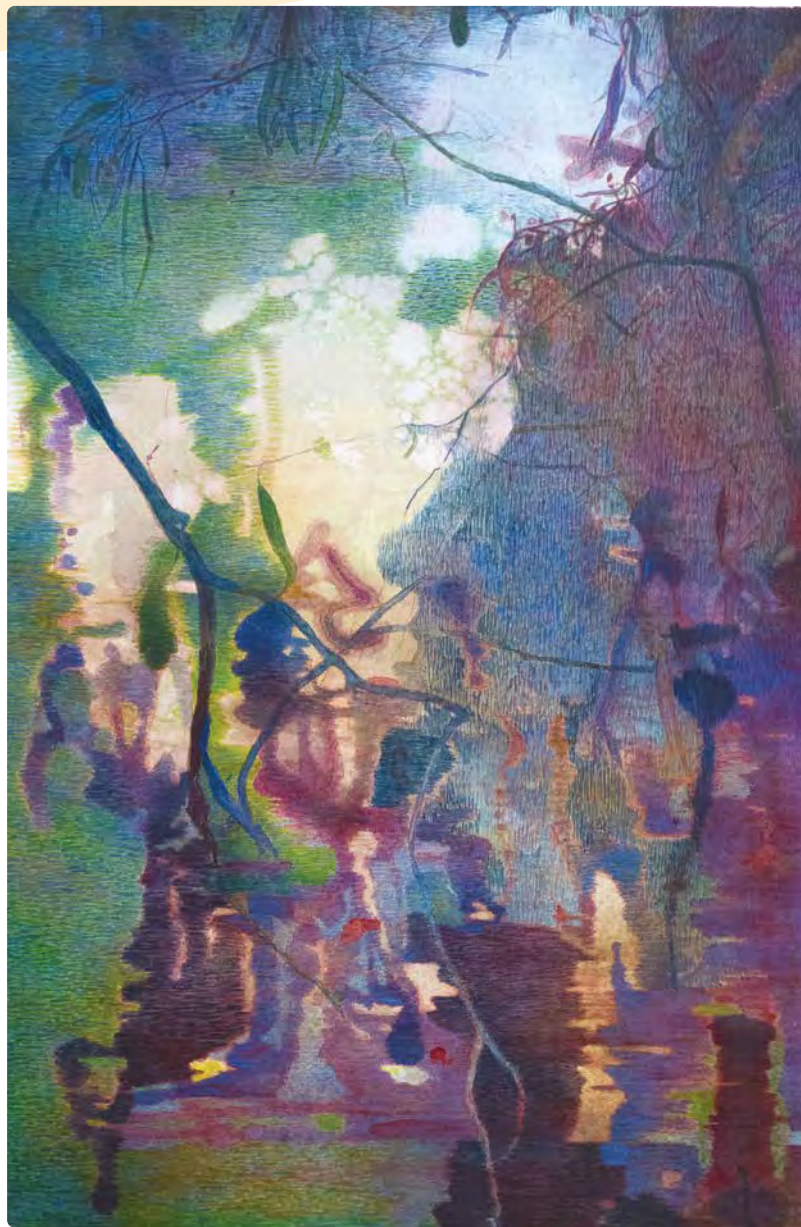
Gregory plans to stay in Eden Hill with Yi-Hsin, who is the artistic program manager at Midland Junction Arts Centre, and their eleven-year-old twins, who go to school locally.

When asked what he believes inspires people to support the arts, Gregory says that constant exposure to artists, showcasing their work and having a continuous arts program that allows interactions between the community and the artists, is essential.



Gregory Pryor: Artist's Statement

**Success Hill (repair)
2020
watercolour on paper
53.5 x 35.7 cm**



This work forms part of a series that focuses on an area of Whadjuk Boodja; a section of the Swan River (Derbal Yerrigan) near Bassendean in Perth.

This section of the river is also close to the endpoint of Charles Fraser's navigation of the Swan in 1827 with Governor Stirling. Fresh water was gathered at Success Hill and items exchanged in a tentative first encounter with the local Noongar people. Since then, the often violent and systematic breakdown of Noongar culture has destroyed many lives and made it extremely difficult to repair the damage that has occurred.

Yes, this important site remains, which once hosted huge ceremonies so essential in the continuation of one of the oldest cultures on earth, but the loss that comes from dispossession is palpable.

The Italian cultural theorist Cesare Brandi was in charge of the Italian restoration effort to deal with the damage caused by the Second World War, and he worked with a group of painters to develop a technique of restoration, done in reversible watercolour called *tratteggio*. *Tratteggio* was a matrix of thin lines that created an abstracted version of what had been lost. This work addresses the immensity of cultural and environmental loss and proposes a starting point of repair.

Explore the Local Studies Collection

The Bassendean Local Studies Collection is a council and community cultural centre, a place of civic engagement, where people of all backgrounds gather for reflection, discovery, participation and growth.

The Collection originated in 1986 with the deposit of Jennie Carter's research material gathered for her book *Bassendean – A Social History 1829–1979*, which was commissioned and published by the Town of Bassendean. Since then, the Local Studies collection has been built up, initially with volunteer assistance from the Bassendean Historical Society and since 2000, with the services of a professional Librarian.

Today, the Town continues to collect council and community history with the support and involvement of the community.

Photographs, documents and information about people is available online (website), with community events (guided walks) and talks (presentations) and with an education program for local schools.

The Local Studies Collection continues to expand with information about local military contributions in various conflicts, profiles of community groups, local school newsletters, street name origins, walk trails and much more!

Want to find out more?

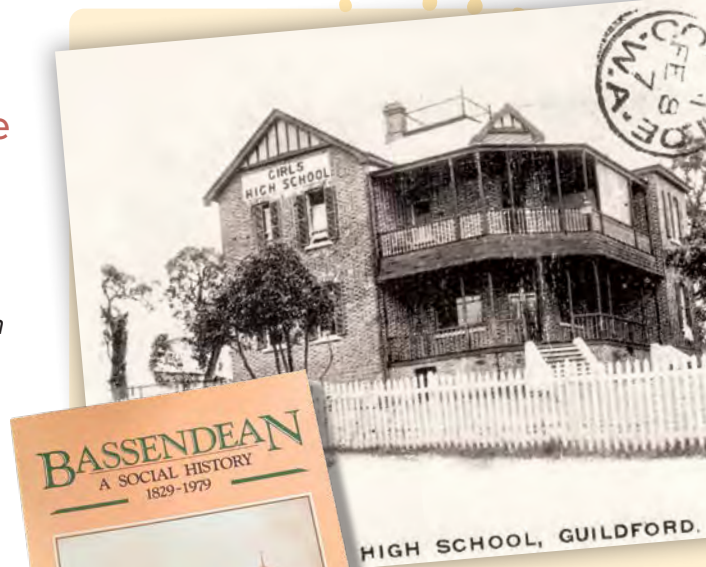
Has your family lived in the district for a while?
Is your family represented in the Local Studies Collection?

You can visit the Local Studies Collection in Bassendean Memorial Library during Library opening hours and donations of relevant material are always welcome.



Contact the Bassendean Memorial Library on 9279 2966 or baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au

You can also access Local Studies Collection resources by visiting <https://library.bassendean.wa.gov.au/local-studies.aspx>



Heritage Festival 2023

The National Trust of Australia has connected the nation for over 40 years through the annual Heritage Festival. This year's theme is Shared Stories.

The Town of Bassendean has a rich history and many significant heritage sites including seven registered Aboriginal Heritage sites.

Aboriginal Heritage Sites

Alice's Corner

Registered Aboriginal Site 3133

Type: Artefacts/Scatter

Bennett Brook: Eden Hill

Registered Aboriginal Site 3487

Type: Camp, Meeting Place, Water Source

Bennett Brook: in toto

Registered Aboriginal Site 3692

Type: Mythological

Swan River

Registered Aboriginal Site 3536

Type: Mythological

Success Hill

Registered Aboriginal Site 3757

Type: Artefacts/Scatter, Ceremonial, Fish Trap, Man-Made Structure, Mythological, Quarry, Repository/Cache, Birth Place, Camp, Meeting Place, Water Source

Helena River

Registered Aboriginal Site 3758

Type: Ceremonial, Mythological, Repository/Cache

Bennett Brook: Camp Area

Registered Aboriginal Site 3840

Type: Artefacts/Scatter, Ceremonial, Fish Trap, Historical, Man-Made Structure, Mythological, Skeletal Material/Burial, Camp, Hunting Place, Plant Resource, Water Source

There are three further registered sites where the site boundary intersects with the Town boundaries:

- Registered site ID 3488 (Bennett Brook: Rosher Park)
- Registered site ID 3758 (Helena River)
- Registered site ID 3489 (Bennett Brook: Lord St. 1)

There are also nineteen 'Other heritage places' within public spaces including Broadway Reserve, Guildford Road Bridge and Pyrton.



How to report a site

To provide information about a possible Aboriginal Site registration please use the Heritage Information Submission Form at <https://www.wa.gov.au/service/aboriginal-affairs/aboriginal-heritage-conservation/report-aboriginal-heritage-site-or-offence-against-one>

This can also be used to provide additional information about existing registered Aboriginal site or other heritage place.

The Town is seeking oral histories regarding Aboriginal Heritage Sites in Bassendean.

If you or someone you know has family roots around Eden Hill, Mary Crescent and Success Hill and other registered and unregistered sites in the Town, please write via mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au with the subject line 'Thrive History'.

Find out more with Oral Histories

Discover stories from the past and present with the Town's Local Studies Oral History collection.

You can access contemporary Aboriginal oral history audio interviews recorded for the Local Studies Collection, including Albert, Gwen and Vanessa Corunna, Nat Gillespie, Edward and Richard Wilkes, Bella and Herbert Bropho, Gina Williams and Allan Kickett.



Visit <https://soundcloud.com/user-238528343/sets/aboriginal-oral-history>



State Heritage Listed Sites in Bassendean

Bassendean's colonial roots have also contributed to the Town's heritage value, boasting 11 State Heritage listed buildings, in addition to the multitude of period homes coinciding with familial histories spanning multiple generations of families still residing in the area since the early 1800s.



Guildford Road Bridge

Guildford Road, Bassendean
Established: 1937 | Registered: 2005 | ID 14558

Bassendean Masonic Lodge

25 Wilson Street, Bassendean
Established: 1934 | Registered: 2003 | ID 16003

Bassendean Oval (Grandstands and Entrance Gate)

Corner of West and Old Perth Roads, Bassendean
Established: 1934 | Registered: 2003 | ID 7403

and Grandstand

Established: 1934 | Registered: 2003 | ID 18089

and Entrance Gate

Established: 1934 | Registered: 2003 | ID 18088

Daylesford House

7 Daylesford Road, Bassendean
Established: 1896 | Registered 2012 | ID 127

Earlsferry House

1 Earlsferry Court, Bassendean
Established: 1902 | Registered 1994 | ID 128

Pensioner Guard Cottage

1 Surrey Street, Bassendean
Established: 1856 | Registered 1994 | ID 131

Success Hill Lodge

1 River Road, Bassendean
Established: 1896 | Registered: 2001 | ID 9201



Bassendean Fire Station

10–12 Parker Street, Bassendean
Established: 1934 | Registered 2016 | ID 129

Town Pillar Box

Corner North Road and Surrey Street, Bassendean
Established: 1876 (on site from 1929)
Registered 2019 | ID 7460

Interested in history?

Why not visit Rail Heritage WA's
Open Day on 2 April...



RAIL HERITAGE WA

MODELS & MACHINES

OPEN DAY 2023

10AM - 4PM Sunday 2nd April

Railway Museum
136 Railway Parade
Bassendean



Admission

Children 4-	Free
Children 4+	\$5
Concessions	\$8
Adults	\$10
Family	\$25

Limited tickets at the door so please visit:
Trybooking.com/
CFQKR

- Model railway layouts in action - different sizes and gauges
- Working machines from Machinery Preservation Club
- Children's activities, supported by John Holland
- U-drive and puzzle layouts by AMRA WA for children of all ages
- Ride-on miniature trains from Northern Districts Model Engineering Society - and see their operating models (Gold coin donation per ride and enclosed footwear required for the rides)
- Great display built with LEGO by the WA Brick Society
- Go 'Behind the scenes' at the WA Model Railway Club

Steam Engine WAGR C1 "Katie"

NDMES Miniature Train Rides

Marklin Model Display

ALL THE USUAL GREAT TRAINS AND EXHIBITS TO EXPLORE!

Secondhand model trains and railway book stalls and Refreshments eg; Sausage sizzle, vegetarian options and drinks.

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JOHN HOLLAND

The church built in one day

Bassendean Church of Christ has been serving the community for over a century, having just celebrated its 110th year in the Town.

From its inception in 1912, Basso Church made history. The building was erected in a record-breaking 24 hours by the hands of 120 volunteers. The momentous occasion was later captured by *Ripley's Believe it or Not!*

Over the years, the building has undergone many additions, extensions and repairs by its loving, long-serving community. The original structure is still in excellent condition, even after a total relocation to Ivanhoe Street where it stands today.

Generations of families from the area have held christenings, weddings and funerals for loved ones in the parish, which holds more significance than simply being just a place of worship.

Those who frequent the church find it to be the central pillar of their community, with many joyful and sometimes mournful memories having been shared, families connected, children raised and friendships forged.

Senior Pastor Ian Kirk was baptised here as a baby and met and married his wife Colleen in the old chapel in 1984.

One member, Bob, who turns 94 in April this year, has been attending the Church since 1953. It was here he met his wife Beth, whose father was a local schoolteacher and on the church board.

'We were married in 1953, so 70 years ago this year... I've got a long association with the place. Great memories here of the fellas, the people.'

Bob was a woodworker who worked on the Government Railways in Midland and was responsible for a lot of the work maintaining and improving the old chapel over the years.

Basso Church has recently unveiled a new auditorium, an extension to the original building to give the congregation more space.

'It was very important for the people who came here that we try and retain this chapel, there is so much family heritage tied to special occasions,' said Kerry Jacques, the Church's Administrator.

Basso Church will be hosting Easter services from April 6–9. To find out more please visit bassochurch.org.au



- ▲ Making the move to Ivanhoe Street
- ▼ Bob in the church he has attended since 1953





Waste and Environment updates

The first month of skip bins – what was recovered?

The Town transitioned the annual verge collections to an on-demand skip bin booking system in late October 2022 with the first skips becoming available from the start of December. The change to the skip bins now enables the Town to process collected material through EMRC’s Hazelmere Resource Recovery Facility to divert more material from landfill.

What was recovered?

The recovery numbers are now in for the first month of skip bins. A total of 32.96 tonnes of bulk waste was collected from December skip bins, with a total of 8.18 tonnes (24.8%) being recovered for recycling. Most of the recovered items consisted of 4.6 tonnes of scrap metal (56.2%) and 3.53 tonnes of wood waste (43.2%). A small amount of cardboard was also recovered (0.05 tonnes, 0.6%).

Three televisions and one computer were collected for E-waste recycling. Please note that E-waste items should not be placed in skip bins but should instead be taken to a recycling point like EMRC’s Baywaste.

Baywaste and other recycling points

Certain items that have been found in bulk waste delivered from the new skip bin system can also be taken to the EMRC Baywaste Transfer Station on 271 Collier Road in Bayswater free of charge. Some of the accepted items that were found in skips included E-waste, metal, cardboard and polystyrene.

The Town still encourages residents to list good quality items and furniture on various ‘for free’ or ‘buy nothing’ community groups before disposal.



i For more information about how you can reuse, repair, gift or drop off various items at locations in and around Bassendean, please visit bassendean.wa.gov.au/environment-waste/recycling-waste/recycling-drop-off-points.aspx

Compost bin, Worm farm and Bokashi subsidy

The Town provides a subsidy to its residents to encourage home composting and the improvement of local soils.

The following systems can be purchased through the Town at 40% of their retail value from Environment House by phoning (08) 9271 4488.

A limit of one system per household applies.

Product	Cost after Subsidy
Bokashi Composting System + 1kg Bokashi Mix included for residents	\$34.00
Compost Bin, 220 Litres	\$20.22
Worm Farm + 1kg Worms included for residents	\$51.50

Waterwise verge rebate program

The Town runs an annual verge rebate program to assist residents in transforming their verges from grass or hardstand to waterwise gardens. Applications for the 2023 program open on 5 April.

Conditions of application and application forms will be posted online on the Town’s Sustainability Programs webpage. Successful applicants will be able to apply for a rebate of up to \$200 once they have completed their verge transformation. Please note that residents are required to apply to the program before undertaking their verge transformation; existing waterwise verges are not eligible for a rebate.

This initiative is proudly co-funded by Water Corporation’s Waterwise Greening Scheme and forms part of our ambition for Town of Bassendean to be a leading waterwise council.

i For more information please email WaterWiseVerge@bassendean.wa.gov.au

What's on?

What's on @ Bassendean Memorial Library

LEGO League (ages 5–12)

Monday 27 March &
Monday 26 June 4–5pm

Hands-on STEM with the Science Mum (ages 6–10)

Thursday 30 March
& Thursday 29 June 4–5pm

Lunchtime Interlude:

Tree of Life Weaving.

Wednesday 5 April, 1–3pm

Literary Salon with Michael Pelusey – Photojournalist:

A Walk on the Swan River
Tuesday 30 May, 6.30–7.30pm

Craft Group

Every Friday 9–12pm
Library Meeting Room One

Mahjong

Every Tuesday 12.30–2.30pm
session and 6–7.30 pm session
(open to new players)

ESL classes

Every Monday 5–6.30pm
New members welcome
Library Meeting Room One

Rhymetime

Every Wednesday during school
term time at 11am
(booking not essential)

Storytime

Every Thursday during school
term time at 10.30am
(booking not essential)

School Holiday activities

@ the Library

Decorating Mandala bags
Friday 14 April, 2.30–3.30pm

West OZ Wildlife
Thursday 20 April, 1–2pm

Simultaneous Storytime with Shan

Wednesday 24 May at 11am
in the children's area

Justice of the Peace

First three Wednesdays of the
month from 10am–11.30am; and
the first and third Saturdays of the
month from 9.15am–12pm

What's on – general

Ramadan (Muslim Holiday)

March 22–April 20

Earth Hour

25 March, 8.30–9.30am

Swan Districts Football Club

Swans v East Fremantle (WAFL)
2:10pm Saturday 15 April

Swans v West Perth (WAFL)
2:10pm Sunday 23 April

Swans v Claremont (WAFL)
2:10pm Saturday 13 May

Reconciliation Week

Swans v East Perth (WAFLW)
2:00pm Sunday 28 May

Count Me In Round

Swans v West Coast (WAFL)
1:40pm Sunday 4 June

Swans v Perth (WAFL)
2:10pm Sunday 11 June
(WAFL = Men; WAFLW = Women)

Swan Districts Football Club – School Holiday Clinic

18 April (details TBC) Steel Blue Oval

Easter

Easter Reflections – a reading of

The Passion of Christ:
Thursday 6 April, 7.00pm

Good Friday Service:
7 April, 9.00am

Easter Sunday Services:
9 April 10.00am and 6.00pm
Basso Church of Christ

Passover (Jewish Holiday)

5–13 April

WA Tree Festival

10 April–10 May 2023

Anzac Day hosted by Bassendean Eastern Regional RSL

Tuesday 25 April, 11.00am
BIC Reserve

Devon Road Walk brochure launch – Heritage Festival 2023

12 May, 10.00–11.00am
Bassendean Memorial Library

National Sorry Day

26 May

National Reconciliation Week

27 May–3 June

Reconciliation Week

**cocktail function hosted by
Swan Districts FC** followed by
pre-game welcome to country
and smoking ceremony before
WAFLW game

28 May 12.30–1.30pm

Reconciliation Day

29 May

Community Awards/Citizenship Ceremony (invitation only)

May 2023
Swan Districts Football Club

Step Into Volunteering

Wednesday 3 May and 7 June
10.00–11.30am
Bassendean Seniors and
Community Centre
50 Old Perth Road, Bassendean

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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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