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**Bassendean**

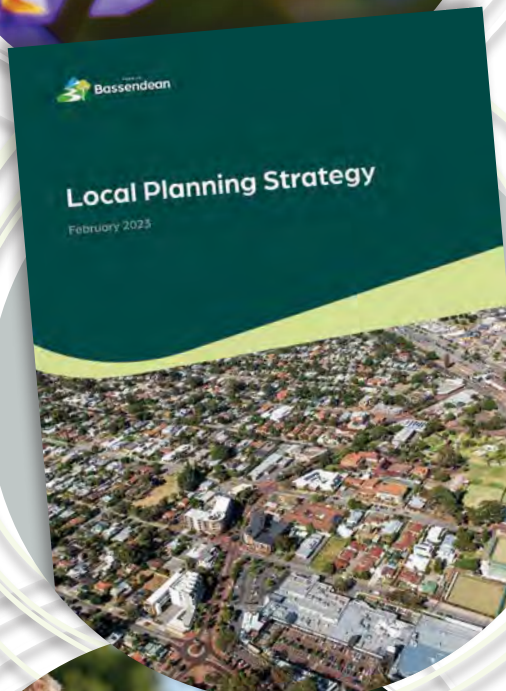
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## Community Awards **2023**

Celebrating Excellence in Our Community



## Hello and welcome to the winter edition of Thrive for 2023.

As we head into the Nyoongar season of Makaru the flowering blues and purples of native blueberry lily (*Dianella revoluta*) and the purple flags (*Patersonia occidentalis*) will emerge.

It is wonderful to see many in our community preparing their gardens and verges to install native waterwise plants that add so much beauty to our local environment. All around the country there are multiple events happening that benefit our environment including Schools Tree Day on the 28th of July, followed by National Tree Day on Sunday 30th of July. Read more about local initiatives on page 3.

Recently, during National Volunteer Week, I had the pleasure of presenting Community Awards to some very worthy locals and organisations. I would like to thank those who submitted nominations highlighting the incredible versatility of many hard working individuals and organisations that contribute enormously to the fabric of our unique community. So very proud to honour their achievements. Highlights of the Community Awards are provided on page 8.

*Community Consultation for draft Local Planning Scheme 11 is now open. A local planning scheme is an important document providing guidance for future planning decisions that may significantly impact your property and the area you live in.*

Documents can be found on the Town's website and in the Bassendean Memorial Library. I encourage you to engage in this important process as your feedback will contribute valuable information to Council.

During the upcoming NAIDOC Week celebrations the Town has collaborated with Swan Districts Football Club to sponsor a very special fun-packed NAIDOC game day on the 8th of July with free entry for local families. Hope to see you there enjoying all the amazing activities. More information available on page 6. Also, on the 6th of July the Town of Bassendean is assisting Collective Hope Community Services to provide an art exhibition and event that celebrates the rich history and diverse culture of our First Nations peoples.

Wishing you all well and bye for now,

**Kath Hamilton**  
Mayor



# Upgrade of sports lighting luminaires at Ashfield Reserve

Works will soon be underway at Ashfield Reserve with the tender for the upgrade of the sports lighting luminaires on the Main Pitch and Training Pitch awarded.

The project will result in the luminaires being updated to current technology and more effective and efficient LED lights, with headframes to suit, both of which will be designed and verified for the existing poles.

Ashfield Reserve is the home of Ashfield Soccer Club and Perth Strikers. The new luminaires will increase the lighting intensity and uniformity of lighting on the sports field, allowing training to occur at night, and improving security and player safety. There will be no change to the electrical installation currently supplying the existing luminaires.

Works are due to commence in May with the project expected to be completed by mid-September 2023.



National Tree Day is Australia's largest tree planting and nature care event, and includes Schools Tree Day on Friday 28 July and National Tree Day on Sunday 30 July.

Trees significantly enhance our quality of life in the urban environment. Not only do trees provide habitat for animals, birds and insects, moderate the climate, improve air quality and reduce stormwater runoff, they also offer social, environmental and economic benefits throughout their lifetime.

A key direction of the Town of Bassendean's Strategic Community Plan is to support the creation of a more green and shaded Town and the 2023 winter planting programs are currently underway. Through a combination of Town works and volunteer input, around 21,000 plants will be established in natural areas and up to 1,000 advanced trees planted in streets and reserves.



## Want to be involved?



To find a bushcare group near you, check the Community Directory on the Town of Bassendean website or to join a National Tree Day event visit <https://treeday.planetark.org/find-a-site/>



# Point Reserve

## Foreshore Concept Plan

A foreshore concept plan has been developed to guide future works and environmental restoration at Point Reserve.

Development of the Point Reserve Foreshore Plan involved a river value desktop assessment, workshops with Bassendean Primary River Rangers and Councillors, and community and stakeholder consultation on a range of options.

In February 2023, Council resolved to approve the Foreshore Plan with inclusion of specific elements in the final concept. The next stage will involve detailed design development.

Point Reserve as it currently looks ...



### The Foreshore Concept Plan



#### Legend

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|--|-------------------------|---|---|
| Extent of proposed works (Town owned land) | Seating nodes           | <b>1</b> Retain existing entry statement                                  | <b>11</b> New concrete loop path  |
| Wetland plantings (to low points)          | New BBQ shelters        | <b>2</b> Retain existing entry and path                                   | <b>12</b> Wetland habitat to include low riparian plantings to low points   |
| Riparian foreshore revegetation            | Foreshore stabilisation | <b>3</b> Retain existing carpark  | <b>13</b> Planting along northern fence line of adjacent private property   |
| New native shrub plantings                 | Seating                 | <b>4</b> Retain open area for multiple uses. Retain existing gravel base. | <b>14</b> Boardwalk over wetland planting areas   |
| Existing trees to be retained              | Bicycle parking         | <b>5</b> Retain and protect existing trees                                | <b>15</b> Habitat creation for local fauna including bat and bird boxes, insect hotels, fauna tunnels, sheltered areas and frog habitat |
| Proposed native floodplain tree plantings  |                         | <b>6</b> Retain existing ablution facilities                              | <b>16</b> New jetty   |
| Proposed concrete shared path              |                         | <b>7</b> Relocated and reduced car park                                   | <b>17</b> Foreshore stabilisation   |
| Jetty                                      |                         | <b>8</b> Turf zone (over former car park)                                 | <b>18</b> Retain water and beach access   |
|  |                         | <b>9</b> New playground and seating on former carpark (elevated grade)    | <b>19</b> Remove existing shelters  |
|  |                         | <b>10</b> Celebration of Noongar stories through art and interpretation   |   |



# Ashfield Flats boardwalk upgrade

The Town, in partnership with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Western Australian Planning Commission, are undertaking a project to upgrade the decking on the Ashfield Flats boardwalk.

The works commenced on 8 May and are anticipated to take approximately four weeks to complete. The 107 metres of existing boards and kick rail are being replaced with new 200 mm x 40 mm x 3 metre jarrah boards, equating to approximately 550 boards in total.

The Ashfield Flats boardwalk is a longstanding attraction in Bassendean, originally built in the 1980s by the Bassendean Preservation Group. The boardwalk further underwent an extension in 1996 with help from a group called Skillshare using grant funding received by the Bassendean Preservation Group. Since then it has been very well used by the local community and visitors to the Town who enjoy the views of native vegetation, river and wildlife.

Update from the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

## Ashfield Flats Master Plan – Engagement Outcomes Report

Thank you to everyone who took part in our recent engagement to support the preparation of the Ashfield Flats Master Plan.

The feedback shared highlighted that this area is unique and highly valued for the role it plays both environmentally and as a community space. If you wish to view the feedback, you can download the report on the project webpage. To find the report, click on the 'Getting Involved' tab at <https://getinvolved.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/ashfield-flats>

The Ashfield Flats Master Plan is now being prepared based on detailed site investigations, consultation with the local Aboriginal community and the feedback gathered during community consultation.

There will be an opportunity to view and comment on the draft Master Plan in the next few months. We will be in touch when the concept plan is available.



For more information please contact us at [ashfield.flats@dbca.wa.gov.au](mailto:ashfield.flats@dbca.wa.gov.au) or 9278 0928.







# Free entry to Swan Districts Football Club 2023 NAIDOC Celebration

Saturday 8 July 2023

The Town of Bassendean and Swan Districts Football Club invite all residents of the Town to celebrate the 2023 NAIDOC Week at the Swans WAFL home game against East Perth on Saturday 8 July.

All Town residents will receive free entry but must show proof of residence (i.e. driver's license) at the entry gate. Entry for children under 16 is free.

There will be a Welcome to Country, Smoking Ceremony and traditional songs by the students of Moorditj Noongar School before the game and a traditional Marngrook game at half time. There's also a free Swans Play Zone for the kids with laser tag, giant slide, Spider Mountain tower, bouncy castle and Aboriginal-themed face painting at the Derbarl Yerrigan end of the oval from 1.30pm.

### Programme

8.40am	Colts game
11.10am	Reserves game
1.45pm	NAIDOC Ceremony
2.10pm	League game

*You can also win prizes throughout the day in the Longest Kick competition and 'Bin It To Win It' (please byo footy), plus there's Chase the Swan (the club's mascot Madjitil Maali) for the little kids. Thirty free Swans footies will also be given away on the day.*

Take the opportunity to view the large mural at the Guildford Road entry gate showing the places of significance along the Derbarl Yerrigan, near Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean. It serves as an important cultural reference point and educational tool.

◀ A detail from the vibrant mural by Kevin Bynder on the Swan Districts Football Club building.







# For our Elders: Hope for the future

Collective Hope Community Services exist to bring hope to the marginalised and to stand with Aboriginal people in the hope of reconciliation.

As Collective Hope launch their Reconciliation Action Plan, a rich tapestry of Aboriginal culture will be woven through this event.

## What's on?

- Aboriginal Artist Nerolie Bynder will exhibit and have artworks for sale.
  - Stephanie Truscott & Co will provide live music, some in the Noongar language.
  - Special guest speaker Mechelle Turvey (mother of the late Cassius Turvey) will speak to the message of Hope for the Future.
  - Stolen Generation Survivor Keith Truscott's story will be told in film.
  - Sample Aboriginal-influenced food
- ...and much more!


This will be a rich time of sharing stories, of meeting and greeting, of showing support for our First Nations Peoples and enjoying this beautiful and rich culture.

## Where and when?

**Thursday 6 July from 10am to 12:30pm**  
**at the Bassendean Community Hall**

**All are welcome to participate but registrations are essential for catering purposes.**

The Bassendean Community Hall is the building directly next to the Library and downstairs, and not to be confused with the Seniors Centre next door.

 Registrations can be made by calling 08 6001 6065 or emailing [hayleys@collectivehope.org.au](mailto:hayleys@collectivehope.org.au). Any questions about the event should be directed to Hayley Solich, Fundraising & Grants Coordinator on 0402 040 008.

Banner artwork by Beverley Rogers



# Community Awards 2023

Celebrating Excellence in Our Community



The Town of Bassendean Community Awards 2023 was held at Swan Districts Football Club on Saturday 20 May.

The Town of Bassendean Community Awards is an exciting opportunity for the Town to recognise and acknowledge individuals, community groups and businesses for their excellence in the community.

The Town is proud to honour the achievements of residents and we would like to thank those who submitted nominations.

## Winners

### Community Leadership

#### Repair Café

Repair Café is a group of dedicated volunteers of all ages who fix everything from clothes to computers to chairs. The Repair Café team encourage waste-free living and provide an opportunity for the community to engage with one another.

#### Ayla Cummings

Ayla received eight separate nominations for this award! Ayla has been serving the community by operating a Community Pantry sharing and providing resources that would otherwise be going to landfill and providing essential items to those in need. She has volunteered her time with kindness, fairness, dignity—and a joyful heart. Ayla has brought the community together by facilitating an accessible and safe environment where people can build human connections where they would not have otherwise done.

### Lifetime contribution to volunteering

#### Ivor Knight

Ivor Knight has made a dedicated commitment to serving the Bassendean community for the last decade in his capacity as a Justice of Peace at Bassendean Memorial Library. He enjoys assisting community members by witnessing a range of legal documents. Ivor documented his childhood in his autobiography *Out of Darkness* and has shared his experiences in his career in the Prison Service in public records.

◀ The Hon Dave Kelly MLA, Mr Ivor Knight and Mayor Kathryn Hamilton at the Community Awards.

Ayla Cummings receiving her award from the Mayor.





### Alan Benn

Alan currently volunteers with the Repair Café, Share Shed Bassendean, Environment House and Trillion Trees. He has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to community and not-for-profit groups in the Town of Bassendean and surrounding areas over many years. Alan is constantly seeking out opportunities where he can strengthen community and retain a healthy environment and a sustainable future for all.

### Stuart Ellis

Stuart has volunteered in the Bassendean community for 22 years probably best known for driving the Thursday 'shopping bus' with consideration, helpfulness and a sense of humour. Stuart is now delivering items from the Library to house-bound residents.

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## Bassendean means Business

### Fitness Next

Cass Stacey is the owner of Fitness Next and is an all-abilities and adaptive personal trainer. While she works mainly with NDIS clients, she was nominated by one of her non-NDIS clients who decided to attend her Sunday fitness group class. The client says she is now over 70 kg lighter, more confident, and mentally and emotionally stronger and she attributes this to Cass' caring commitment.

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## Youth Achievement Award

### Xander Kirkup

Xander has been training and competing in Mens Artistic Gymnastics since he was five years old, reaching State level in 2022, and is currently in the State team. He has shown commitment to an intense schedule training 16 hours a week before and after school and also works two afternoons a week. He is currently in Year 12 and plans to go to University in 2024.

### Tanami Dundas-Steedman

Tanami is an artist who has successfully used her artwork as a powerful vehicle to drive social change around domestic violence. Tanami is a Youth Advisory Panel Member at the Art Gallery of Western Australia and locally as a member of the Bassendean Arts Community.

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## Best Verge Award

### 18 Hardy Road

The verge includes native, waterwise plants, mulch and a street tree, with a large established tree in the front yard adjacent, providing valuable canopy.

## The Town recently welcomed fifteen new Citizens at the combined Citizenship Ceremony and Community Awards Presentation.

Becoming an Australian citizen is not about forgetting who you are or where you came from. It's not about forgetting your experiences, your language or your culture. Instead, it is about enriching Australia with all you bring from your past. Our individual stories become part of the Australian narrative.

The ceremony concluded with a live performance of *Advance Australia Fair* courtesy of the children from Reid Tree Creative Choir.







# Hail to rail

## at the Railway Museum

The Railway Museum in Bassendean is operated by Rail Heritage WA and offers a fully immersive experience of the history of trains in Western Australia.

It is the principal museum devoted to railway history in Western Australia and boasts a collection spanning the whole spectrum of railway history—from first-class passenger carriages for VIPs to humble workhorse locomotives, to powerful diesel trains, and freight wagons used to transport gold.

**Rail Heritage WA members and volunteers have been working to preserve and present WA's railway heritage since 1959.**

### *Did you know?*

*Prior to the opening of the transcontinental railway in 1917, the only way for West Australians to travel to Melbourne or Sydney was via steamship from Fremantle, Albany or Esperance. The promise of a railway connecting WA to the Eastern States meant WA agreed to join the Federation and for many years it remained a symbol of national unity.*



## Railways central to the development of Western Australia

Prior to the 1950s, rail was integral in Western Australia as a means of transporting people and natural resources, such as timber and gold, across the state.

In 1881 the first passenger rail line opened in the Perth Metropolitan area from Fremantle to Midland. In the first three months of operation 21,270 passengers travelled via locomotive across the growing city for work and leisure. People could now reach further distances than ever before.

Between 1889 and 1897 the population in the State grew from 45,660 to 160,495. This led to an increase in rail travel by 2147%\*

Rail carriages and locomotives were mostly imported from England before the Railway Workshops were built at Midland. Some of these sleeper carriages boasted the height of luxury with full bedrooms (though with shared bathroom quarters). Long distance trains also had dining cars and a lounge for passengers in which to enjoy their journey. Wood carvings, stained glass and brass fixtures adorned the interiors.

Hundreds of workers were employed at Midland Railways and the Western Australian Government railways (both with workshops in Midland) to maintain these carriages and locomotives.

The railway in Western Australia was inherent to the colonisation and development of our State. These networks connected the vast state and its commercial and industry interests, causing rapid growth and population increase.

Rail networks employed thousands of workers as locomotive staff, guards, catering staff, ticketing staff, station staff and signalmen. Many of the workshops' personnel travelled to work on the Fremantle to Midland line.

From the 1950s onwards, car ownership increased from 104,735 registered vehicles to 745,000 registered vehicles in the 1980s. The resulting dismantling of many rail networks took place over the course of the second part of the last century.

\*Figures taken from *Marble Bar to Mandurah, A History of Passenger Rail Services in Western Australia* by Geoffrey Higham.



**i** The Rail Heritage WA Museum is located at 136 Railway Parade, Bassendean.

**Admission:** Adults \$10.00, Concessions \$8.00 and Children (4–14 years) \$5.00. Children under 4 years free

**Party bookings:** The buffet car or dining car makes a great venue for a children's birthday party. Corporate functions and other events can also be hosted.





# Jill Ruse

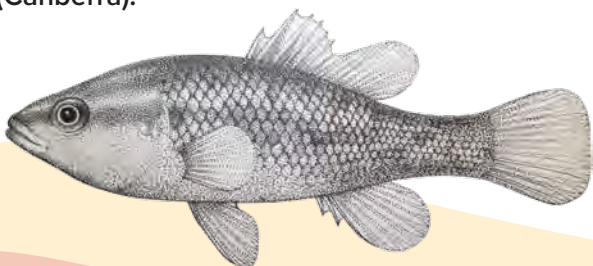
## At the heart of Bassendean

Jill Ruse has been a graphic designer and illustrator for over 40 years and a resident of Bassendean for many years.

She was employed at the Town of Bassendean Library for 22 years and produced most of the Library's promotional material during that time.

In 2019, Jill held a successful exhibition at the then O2 Cafe in Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

Jill has freelanced for private clients and organisations such as Museum WA, Western Mining and FINA Swimming Championships. She also previously worked at Curtin University (then WAIT) and the Research School of Biological Science and Media Centre (Canberra).



### How long have you lived in Bassendean?

I've lived in Bassendean for 34 years. The Town has evolved from a sleepy backwater to more of an urban area but still retaining a country ambience.

### How long did you work at TOB?

After freelancing for about 10 years I was employed as a library officer at the Town of Bassendean. That was in 1997, and the best job ever! Great boss, great people, and a wonderful community spirit. I retired in 2019 after 22 years of being involved in many of the Library and the Town's events. Lots of Children's Book Weeks!

### What type of artwork have you specialised in?

Most of my artwork are illustrations for private clients, businesses and Government agencies such as the Australian National University in Canberra, Western Mining and Museum WA. There was some design and layout of brochures and books, but mostly illustrations of buildings and natural history subjects. Museum books include *Gogo Fish*, *Leo the Marsupial Lion* and tropical fish guides. In 2019, a friend and I held an exhibition of our art at the O2 Cafe in Old Perth Road.





**What is your favourite medium and why?**

After years of producing black and white illustrations for reproduction, the thrill of using watercolours was like waking up after a long sleep. I use watercolours almost solidly with a fine brush.

**What inspires your work – nature, other art, music etc?**

I could say money(!), but many years ago I realised that spending many more hours than necessary to aim for perfection wasn't the best business model. These days I look at lots of designs on the internet and that's inspiring.

**What is your secret to staying motivated in the arts?**

What keeps me motivated? It's innate. I have to be making something (or thinking about a new project). I love the process of a tangle of thoughts at the beginning, and the 'journey' to the 'ah' at the end.

**What helps a community to flourish in the arts?**

I think it depends on where you live. If you live in a community where arts are treated as an important reflection of the current and past culture of that community then the arts will thrive.

**What types of arts events and projects would you like to see staged in the Town?**

Arts and events have flourished and waned over the time I've lived in Bassendean. Some years there were many events, including outdoor movies, family friendly evening concerts and arts awards. At the Library we held regular art exhibitions and literary salons. The exhibition space—the Library walls and floor space—were offered to any Bassendean resident, young or old, who wanted to show their art. As a non-profit organisation, there was no cost or commission involved and the artist was responsible for their work and any sales. The Library would promote the event with posters and in the Library newsletter. I would have liked the Town to support an exhibition space in the shopping precinct for local artists. Record fairs and more bands playing in the area is another dream ...



# June Sustainability Workshop Series

## Ecoburbia Workshops

Register for one or more in this workshop series with Ecoburbia:



### Productive Food Gardening

9:30–11:30am, Saturday 3 June | Bassendean Community Hall

**Are you keen to try growing some food in your garden? Have you tried and failed to get a worthwhile crop?**

This workshop will look at some of the basics: where to put your veggie patch, the three aspects of soil, getting your soil right, and how and what to be growing in your garden.

You will leave with everything you need to know to enjoy a bumper crop this season. (Please note this is a beginning gardening workshop—we won't cover everything!)



### Saving Water in your Home

12:00–2:00pm, Saturday 10 June | Holly Raye's Cafe

**Do you want to save water in your home? Interested in installing a greywater system or a rainwater tank? Want to learn the basics of drip irrigation?**

This workshop will cover reducing water use, reusing water and water sources, both in the home and garden.

You will leave feeling more confident you are doing your bit to take care of one of the essentials of life—water!



### Basic Solar Passive Design

9:30–11:30am, Saturday 24 June | Dome Cafe, Bassendean (upstairs)

**Do you want to have a more sustainable house, without having to move or build a new one?**

In this interactive workshop Shani and Tim from Ecoburbia will teach you about the principles of basic solar passive design and how you can use those principles to save gas and electricity in your home. Many low or no cost actions will be covered in depth. You will leave with some great ideas to reduce your environment impact and those power bills.



\$5 per workshop (includes a free drink). To book go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/town-of-bassendean-30655903628>  
For more information phone 9377 8095  
or email [environment@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:environment@bassendean.wa.gov.au)







## Waste Sorted/FOGO Refresher Workshops

6:30–8.00pm

Wednesday 14 June

Dome Cafe, Bassendean (upstairs)

9:30–11.00am

Saturday 17 June

Dome Cafe, Maylands (upstairs)

New to the FOGO system or simply want a refresher?

This workshop will provide waste sorting information for owners and tenants, including those in commercial properties and multi-dwelling units. The workshop is held in conjunction with EMRC and the City of Bayswater.

## Drop in to a drop-off point!

The Town's Customer Service Centre and Library both have drop-off stations for various items, some of which can be tricky to dispose of!

The following items can be brought in and dropped off:

- Mobile phones
- Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes
- Household batteries
- Nespresso coffee pods
- Writing instruments
- X-rays
- Printer cartridges.



For more information about other Recycling and Drop-Off Points in Bassendean and surrounding suburbs, visit the Town's website.

## Tell us about it!

Do you know about a drop-off point we haven't listed on the website? Please tell us about it on (08) 9377 8095 or email [wasteservices@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:wasteservices@bassendean.wa.gov.au) for your chance to win a mini-bin pen holder for your desk!

## What's on @ Bassendean Memorial Library

### Hands-on STEM with the Science Mum

(ages 6–10)

4–5pm, 29 June

Science for young minds in the Library.

### LEGO® League (ages 5–12)

4–5pm, 26 June

4–5pm, 24 July

4–5pm, 28 August

### Lunchtime Interlude:

#### Needle Felting

1–2pm 26 July

## School Holiday activities

@ the Library

### NAIDOC

#### Indigenous inspired dot painting on boomerangs

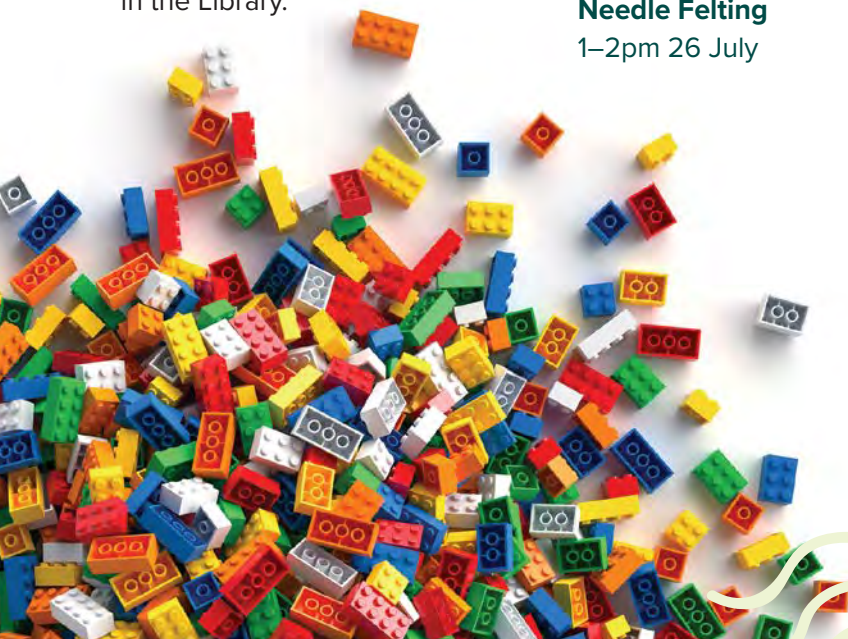
Thursday 6 July, 1–2pm

<https://www.trybooking.com/CITJP>

#### Dinosaur Diorama

Wednesday 12 July, 1–2pm

<https://www.trybooking.com/CITIL>





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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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