



## Bassendean town centre set for major transformation



A major plan to revitalise Bassendean is a step closer after key stakeholders signed a Heads of Agreement (HOA) to pursue the redevelopment of land around Bassendean Oval and the Town Centre.

LandCorp, the Town of Bassendean and the Swan Districts Football Club have agreed to proceed with further developing plans to enhance and activate the existing Town Centre by delivering residential, commercial and employment opportunities for local residents close to existing infrastructure and public transport.

“This will create a residential and commercial heart for Bassendean and dramatically increase the number of people able to live in the Town, offering them a wide range of housing options,” LandCorp Chief Executive Frank Marra said.

Mr Marra said there would be extensive community and stakeholder consultation as the plan progressed and businesses, community groups and residents would be encouraged to provide input into the planning process.

Town of Bassendean Mayor John Gangell said the redevelopment would significantly enhance the Bassendean Town Centre.

“This project will establish the Bassendean Town Centre as an iconic address and create a place where people will want to visit and live and enjoy a lifestyle that will be facilitated by a lively commercial district with restaurants and cafes all within walking distance of the train station.”

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"This work is an extension of past investigations and results from community consultation into delivering the vision and objectives of the Bassendean Town Centre Strategy Plan.

"The vision included activating the eastern end of Old Perth Road and improving links to the train station. It will draw attention to the Town Centre and give Guildford Road motorists the feeling of driving through a special destination" Mayor Gangell said.

Swan Districts Football Club Chief Executive Officer Tom Bottrell highlighted the importance of the project progression from a community and financial perspective.

"The redevelopment will assist in ensuring the ongoing financial sustainability of the Swan Districts Football Club as an integral community sporting organisation in Bassendean".

## Reference group

This signing of the HOA comes after more than a year of planning by a Stakeholder Reference Group comprising LandCorp, the Town of Bassendean, the Department of Planning, Swan Districts Football Club, the WA Football Commission, the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Department of Lands.

The project seeks to address state and local government policy to increase housing densities within an 800 m catchment of the Bassendean train station. It is also in line with the Government's *Directions 2031 and Beyond* strategy to cater for population growth and reduce urban sprawl.

## 'Strong move forward ...'

Mr Marra said there is still a long way to go before the transformation can begin and State Government approvals need to be obtained, the formal partnership and agreement between LandCorp, the Council and the Football Club is a strong move forward.

Liaison with key stakeholders would take place to ensure mutually beneficial outcomes.

Located near the Swan River and along Guildford Road, the Bassendean Town Centre is close to railway stations, Perth Airport, schools, shops and family-friendly parks.

# Local Government Reform update



The State Government has broken its promise to fully fund Metropolitan Local Government Reform—the cost will be borne by ratepayers.

The Premier made a commitment, early in the reform process, to fully fund the cost of Metropolitan Local Government Reform (excluding capital costs) a cost estimated by the West Australian Local Government Association to be in the range of \$60 million to \$100 million.

The State Budget, handed down this month, demonstrates that this commitment will not be honoured. Indeed, the State is offering a total of \$15 million in grants over three years as direct support to local government reform and a total package of \$45 million dollars in loans to local governments to fund the balance of the reform process. These loans are required to be paid back by local governments within five years, and will need to be funded from the local governments' own resources. There is no guarantee that this will be sufficient for the purpose and there is no commitment to provide further funding if it is not enough.

## The Local Government Advisory Board will hand down its recommendations on Reform proposals in July 2014.

Whilst there is still some uncertainty in the recommendations that will go to the Minister from the Local Government Advisory Board, in any reform outcome there is no guarantee that the type of services and functions currently provided to our community will continue in any new, reformed entity.

The Town of Bassendean prides itself in maintaining a financially viable, efficient and effective Council to oversee the development and maintenance of community assets for the betterment of the Town as a whole.

There is still an enormous amount of work that needs to be done (by the proposed date of 1 July 2015) to complete the amalgamation proposals in order that the impact on the community is minimal. However, there has not been any clearly articulated financial or efficiency gains identified in any report by the State Government that would enable it to promote the Structural Reform as a benefit to the community or individual ratepayers.

## The Town has urged the Board to recommend an amalgamation not a takeover so that Bassendean's interests are protected.

The Minister's (and the City of Bayswater's) proposal before the Local Government Advisory Board requests that there is a boundary adjustment between the City of Bayswater and the Town of Bassendean and incorporating areas of the Cities of Stirling and Swan.

The current proposal will see the Town of Bassendean being taken over by the City of Bayswater and the City of Bayswater's Council and Administration remaining in place. This proposal leaves the Town of Bassendean residents without a voice in the determination of functions and services for the new local government for around three months. The Town's elected Council would be dismissed on 30 June 2015, with only Bayswater's Council staying in place until the local government elections in October 2015.

The Town has since written to the Local Government Advisory Board advising them that the Town would only agree to an **amalgamation** of the two local governments (as well as the areas from the Cities of Stirling and Swan) as this would create a new local government in which the Town would be an equal partner in decision-making.

The Town has proposed an entirely new ward structure where Councillor Representation would be better distributed for the entire new area and a new culture would be created to enhance and provide good governance for the new local government. This is in response to the City of Bayswater resolving, without consultation, to base the ward structure for the new local government "principally on the City of Bayswater's current ward structure".

The Town has also urged the Board to consider the name "City of Bayswater-Bassendean" in recognition that a whole local government with a long history has been incorporated into the new entity.

# Sustainable gardens for seniors

Almost 18 months into the Sustainable Gardens Project and it continues to receive plenty of interest from the Town's seniors, with several projects on the go at present.

A recently completed project involved the replacement of a manual reticulation system with an automated water-wise system, which meant considerable saving on water bills. Drippers with three varying flow options were installed ensuring the plants get the right amount of water where they need it. West Australian native plants were selected for the site and existing soil was enriched with soil improver, soil wetter and native slow release fertiliser. A thick layer of mulch was laid to protect the soil from weed germination and to assist with water retention. Plants are now flourishing and rewarding our client with some beautiful blooms and morning melodies from our nectar-loving native birds.

The Sustainable Gardens project is an initiative of the Town's Seniors & Disability Services' business unit and is available to eligible residents under the Home & Community Care program.



Residents wanting information on this or other seniors' services are welcome to contact the Coordinator on 9279 6588.

## Wind in the Willows volunteer program

The Wind in the Willows Child Care Centre is proud to announce our new volunteer program. Our Centre is a Nationally Accredited Child Care Service that currently runs out of two venues to provide care and supervision of children aged from babies to six years.

Volunteers are able to provide additional support to the centres' qualified staff, providing extra care and connection for the centres' children. The new initiative is in partnership with the Bassendean Volunteer Centre assisting in volunteer recruitment and training.

Our community volunteers are carefully selected and trained adding to the already high quality service of child care provided by Wind in the Willows. The two new exciting volunteer roles are:

- **Volunteer Nanny** in the babies' room — providing a loving, nurturing environment for our babies; and
- **Reading volunteer** — reading to children aged 3–5 years to promote children's literacy and language skills.



If you would like to become a volunteer at Wind in the Willows, or for information about volunteer opportunities in the Town of Bassendean, please contact the Bassendean Volunteer Centre on 9377 2191.

## New at Jubilee Reserve ...

### New playground

The second of the Town's new District Playspaces has been constructed at Jubilee Reserve in Eden Hill. This playground, constructed as part of the Town's Playspaces Implementation Plan, has been designed to cater for children with a range of ages and abilities. Completed in mid-March, it is already proving to be popular with large numbers of users. The playground is located adjacent to Stan Moses Pavilion, off Robinson Road in Eden Hill.



### Sports lighting upgrade

The Town is currently upgrading the sports lighting at Jubilee Reserve. The upgrade has been achieved with the assistance of funding from the Department of Sport and Recreation via the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund. The upgrade will provide Australian Standard training lights at Jubilee Reserve's AFL ground.

## Town commemorates Reconciliation Week

**COUNCILLORS** and staff of the Town assembled at the Gathering Site Mary Crescent Reserve on Friday 30 May to witness Ms Miranda Farmer, wife of internationally renowned artist and designer of the Gathering Site, Mr Peter Farmer, plant a tree to commemorate Reconciliation Week.



## NAIDOC Family Fun Day

**THE TOWN** of Bassendean's and Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service's Family Fun Day 2014 will be held on Thursday 10 July at Ashfield Reserve. Featuring a fantastic array of entertainment and activities, the NAIDOC Family Fun Day 2014 will be an action-packed day of celebration.

Come and celebrate with us and enjoy all the **free** family fun activities including plenty of information stalls, activities for all ages, **free** lunch and refreshments.

**Please remember this is an alcohol free, smoke free and pet free event.**

**When:** Thursday 10 July 2014

**Time:** 10.30 am – 3.00 pm

**Where:** Ashfield Reserve, Guildford Road, Ashfield — just across the road from the Ashfield Train Station.

### Reconciliation Walk

At 9.30 am we invite you to take part in the 'Dandjoo Koorliny' reconciliation walk to Ashfield Reserve for the start of the NAIDOC Family Day. This walk starts at the front of the Town of Bassendean Council Administration building at 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean (next to the Library).



To find out more please call the Town of Bassendean on 9377 8000.

**PICTURED FROM TOP LEFT:** Gina Williams and Guy Ghouse; LOSA Dancers; The Merindas; and Little Marmuns.



# library news

## Bassendean history

### at Bassendean Memorial Library

**"HISTORY**—his story and her story—changing perceptions on the writing of history". Dr Glen McLaren, Professional Historian, will talk about his experience of writing a history of Bassendean from the 1970's to the present. Dr McLaren is the author of many local histories, he has a family connection to the area, and will provide an informative evening.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear more about the history of the Council and community. So come along on Friday 11 July from 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start to hear about how Bassendean has changed. The talk will be held in the Library meeting room.



The event will be catered for and bookings are essential. Contact staff at the Bassendean Memorial Library on 9279 2966, or email [baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au).



### Library is now on Facebook!

Go to our Facebook page for information about current and upcoming events, displays, news and reviews and all the exciting activities happening in and around our library. Find us and Like us at <http://on.fb.me/1o58T06>.



## Home delivery service

**THE LIBRARY** offers a home delivery service for those residents of the Town of Bassendean who are unable to visit the library but would like to use our collection. If you know of anyone in your street or neighbourhood who could use this service then get in touch with the Library. The Library will contact these people and see what can be done to assist them through our House-Bound Delivery Service.



You can ring us on 9279 2966 or send us an email to [baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:baslib@bassendean.wa.gov.au) or let us know when you visit us next time.



## Civic gardens underway

**WORK** has commenced on the transformation of the BIC Reserve into a civic garden and a new home for the Bassendean War Memorial.

Council budgeted this financial year for the removal of the tennis courts and the small basketball court and some minor drainage and reticulations works in preparation for the major capital project in 2014–2015.

# BASSENDEAN VISUAL ART AWARDS 2014

Entries are now open for the 2014 Bassendean Visual Art Awards to be held in September. In 2014, the prize categories have changed. There will no longer be individual categories for Works on Paper and Canvas or three dimensional pieces.

## Award categories

- Town of Bassendean Open Award\* \$5000 (Acquisitive)
- Bassendean Shopping Village Open Award\* \$3000 (Acquisitive)
- Best Town of Bassendean Resident \$1000 (open to all Bassendean residents, all ages)
- Young Persons Award (aged 13–21yrs) \$500
- People's Choice\* \$500
- Primary School Entrant (1 per school) \$100

\*All entries are automatically entered into these categories.

The Visual Art Awards will be held at the Cyril Jackson Recreation Centre from Thursday 25 September until Wednesday 1 October 2014.



To express an interest in entering, contact Cultural Development on 9377 8000 for an entry form, or visit the Town's website at [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au).

Entries close on 15 August 2014.

The Town is also seeking sponsors for this event. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact the Town's Manager Community Development.



The 2013 Open Winner—Michael McGrath's *Hang'n by the River*.



## Council Calendar

<b>TUESDAY 24 JUNE</b>	Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm
<b>FRIDAY 27 JUNE</b>	Youth Advisory Council Meeting	5.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 9 JULY</b>	Children & Family Services Committee Meeting	7.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 16 JULY</b>	Cultural Development Advisory Committee Meeting	6.00 pm
<b>TUESDAY 22 JULY</b>	Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm
<b>FRIDAY 25 JULY</b>	Youth Advisory Council Meeting	5.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST</b>	Economic Development Advisory Committee Meeting	5.30 pm
<b>THURSDAY 7 AUGUST</b>	Local Studies Collection Management Committee Meeting	9.30am
<b>TUESDAY 26 AUGUST</b>	Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm

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'recognising our past  
celebrating the now  
creating the future'

## Justice of the Peace office

The Town of Bassendean provides a Justice of the Peace document witnessing centre at the Bassendean Memorial Library at 46 Old Perth Road, Bassendean on Wednesdays from 10.00 am to 12 noon. A Justice of the Peace can witness official documents, administer an oath or affirmation, and take an affidavit.

## Community Groups' Noticeboard

Do you want to know more about activities and services available in our local area? Check out the Community Groups' Noticeboard on the Town's website at [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au), via the 'Community Noticeboard' link on the right side of the home page.

To start advertising your group or service on the Noticeboard contact 9377 8000 or [mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au).

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