

Bassendean Briefings

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A Newsletter for the residents of Ashfield, Bassendean and Eden Hill distributed by your Council

The 2017 BASSENDEAN VISUAL ART AWARDS

Thursday 21 September
to Wednesday 27 September

The annual Bassendean Visual Art Awards are on again. This event has been running for over 20 years with a focus on supporting the significant contribution artists make in our community by offering them a chance to display and sell their works to a wider audience.

Supported by community-minded sponsors and with over \$10,000 worth of prizes, including our acquisitive first prize award of \$5000, the Bassendean Visual Art Awards is a significant event on the arts calendar.

Categories include the Open Acquisitive award, Hawaiian Bassendean Shopping Centre's Acquisitive award, Best Town of Bassendean Resident award, a People's Choice award and a Primary School award. The winner of the \$5000 Town of Bassendean Visual Art Award will have their work added to the Town's burgeoning art collection.

The Town of Bassendean gratefully acknowledges the partnership and support of local business and individuals in presenting the Visual Art Awards.

VENUE Bassendean Community Hall,
downstairs at 48 Old Perth Road,
Bassendean

EXHIBITION OPENING HOURS

Thursday 21 to Sunday 24 September
10am–4pm

Monday 25 September (Public Holiday)
1pm–4pm

Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 September
10am–4pm

*Interested in
an art tour of the area?
See some of Bassendean's
creative spaces
... see back page for details!*

Bassendean Markets
Monique Nash
Winner
Best Town of Bassendean Resident 2016





Have your say
about
Australia Day

Australia Day Review

**How do you celebrate being Australian? What are your thoughts about Australia Day?
We want you to help us shape future Australia Day Celebrations and Fireworks events.**

Each year since 2005, the Town of Bassendean has staged an Australia Day event, which is now one of the main Australia Day public celebrations in the Perth metropolitan area and is the flagship event for the Town.

The Town is aware of the sentiment that exists within the West Australian community of the sensitivity of celebrating Australia Day on 26 January each year and this is your chance to have your say on what matters to you in a broader context, as well as a reflection on the event itself.

We are reviewing what locals think about the event to ensure that the significant investment the Town makes to stage the event is valued by ratepayers. To do that, we are conducting a survey in the month of September.

After 13 years of running the event in a similar way, the survey asks residents and ratepayers for feedback on the timing and nature of the event. Add your voice and let your friends, family and neighbours know about this survey—your opinion counts!

Residents, ratepayers, business owners and visitors can complete the survey online at Town's website www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/community/community-engagement.aspx or in person at the following locations:

- Customer Service Centre—35 Old Perth Road
- Bassendean Memorial Library—46 Old Perth Road
- Volunteer Centre—50 Old Perth Road.

Following the period of community consultation, the results will be presented at a future Ordinary Council Meeting for Council's consideration.

Any changes to the Town's Australia Day event would come into effect for 2019 and beyond.



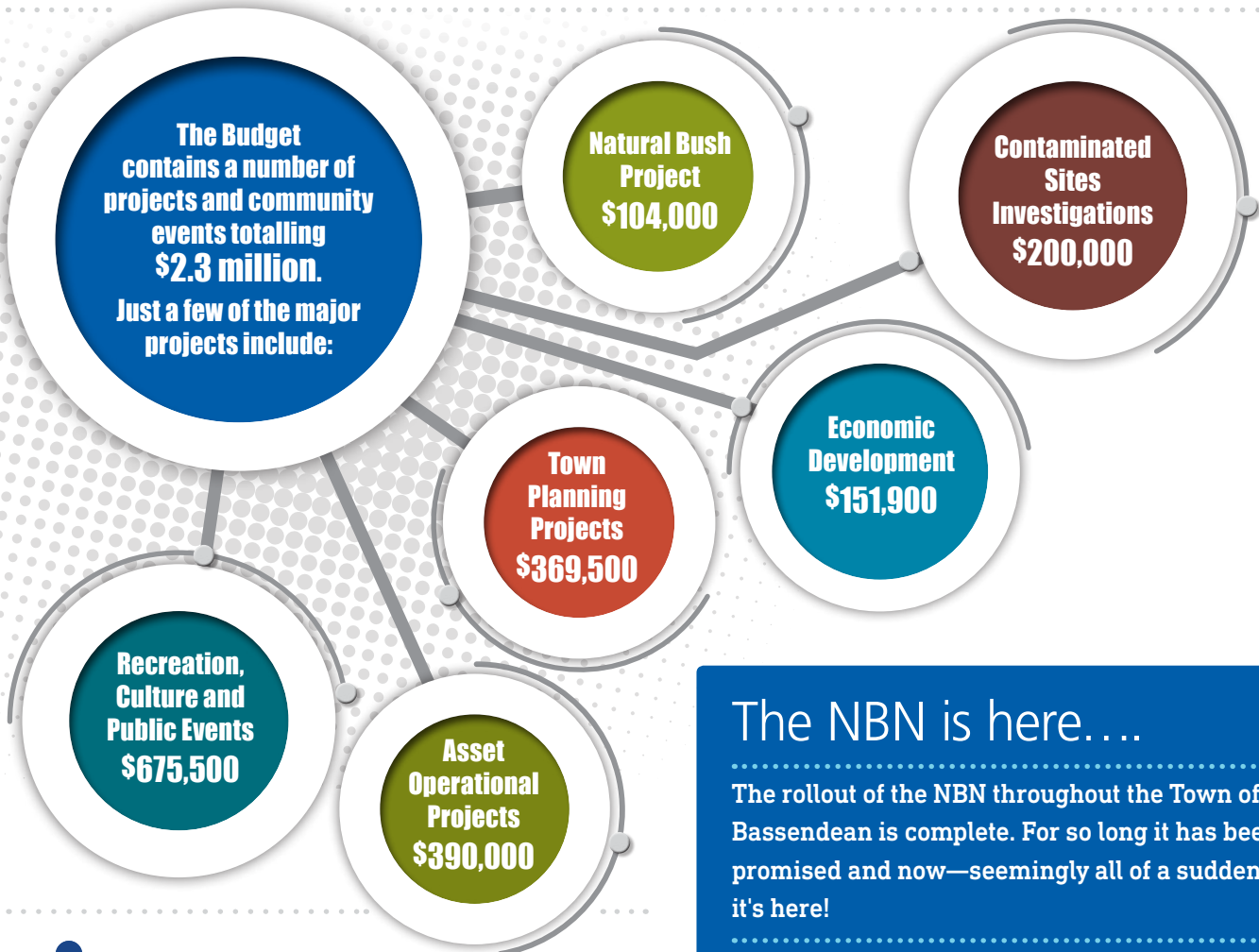
For updates follow the Town's Facebook pages at: www.facebook.com/bassendeanCouncil or www.facebook.com/bassendeanartsandevents or call Salvatore Siciliano, Manager Recreation and Culture, on (08) 9377 8006.



2017 Budget Highlights: what can you expect this year?

THE TOWN'S 2017/18 Budget was adopted at a Special Council Meeting on 10 July 2017. This year the Council has endeavoured to provide a sustainable Budget that acknowledges the economic climate in Western Australia.

Council has adopted a 2.5% increase in rates, which reflects not only the consumer price index movement, but also endeavours to mitigate the increasing costs in government services to our residents.



ON WEDNESDAY 31 May, over 100 people attended an open day to celebrate the renaming of the former Bassendean Senior Citizens' Welfare Association to the Bassendean 55 Plus Association.

The new name better reflects the Association's members' diversity and ages, in a world where staying active and involved is paramount.

The open day was a real community event, with the hospitality students from the Cyril Jackson Campus catering for a light lunch.

Representatives of many community groups, including the Town of Bassendean, TADWA, Wider Vision, Men's Shed, Arthritis Support, Chair Yoga and the Melody Club, outlined what their organisations offer the community.

 Bassendean 55 Plus Association now has a new website so check us out at www.bassendean55plus.org.wa.

The NBN is here...

The rollout of the NBN throughout the Town of Bassendean is complete. For so long it has been promised and now—seemingly all of a sudden—it's here!


You can connect to the NBN through a range of internet service or telephone service providers. They offer a variety of plans, with a scale of download and upload speeds, and a range of data capacity for all types of users.

So, get online and make the switch. Transform your online experience into something spectacular.

Remember, switching is not automatic and the responsibility to make the switch rests with you.

For further information visit the NBN website at www.nbnco.com.au and use the address checker on the homepage or call 1800 687 626.

For businesses complete the NBN™ business readiness checklist and find out more about the benefits for business on the NBN website at www.nbnco.com/business.

 If you require further information or assistance get in touch with the Senior Economic Development Officer, William Barry on 9377 8062.



Interested in standing for council? **Then Get Local! Get Vocal!**

If you are thinking of standing for Council at the Local Government Elections in October, then come along to a free information workshop on **Saturday 26 August** at the Midland Town Hall, Old Great Northern Highway, Midland, at 2 pm.

Hear from the WA Electoral Commission and the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries on the roles and responsibilities of being a Councillor—ask questions and find out how, as a councillor, you can help shape your community's future.

i For more information go to www.getvocalgetlocal.com.au or alternatively, if you wish to discuss your prospective nomination, contact Mr Bob Jarvis, CEO of the Town of Bassendean on 9377 8004, or Mr Phil Richards, Manager Election Events, WA Electoral Commission, on 9214 0443.

Are you enrolled to vote?

Local Government elections will be held on **Saturday 21 October 2017**, so make sure you are enrolled to vote.

Australian citizens are automatically enrolled if they have voted in state or federal elections. If this is not the case, but you meet the eligibility criteria, an enrolment claim form should be made to the WA Electoral Commission by 5 pm on **Friday 1 September**.

If you are not an Australian citizen, but are an owner or occupier of a rateable property in the Town, you may also be eligible to vote, provided you meet the enrolment criteria.

A completed enrolment claim form should be lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 5 pm on **Friday 1 September** for assessment of your eligibility.

Would you like to represent your community?

Local Government elections will be held on **Saturday 21 October 2017**—so if you believe you have what it takes to be a councillor why not consider nominating.

Becoming a councillor for your local government can be a highly rewarding experience.

If you enjoy dealing with people from all walks of life, like to be involved in decisions affecting your community, and are on the local government electoral roll, then consider nominating as a candidate in the upcoming local government elections.

To be eligible to nominate to stand as a councillor you must be over 18 years of age and be an elector of the Town of Bassendean. This includes all persons on the State and Federal electoral rolls and those owners and occupiers of property in the Town who are also registered on the Town's electoral roll.

Owners and occupiers of businesses in the Town are eligible to vote and nominate to become a councillor if they enrol through Council to be on the roll. Forms are available from Council's Customer Services Centre, or by contacting Ms Jane Goddard on 9377 8007.

Further information on the election process can be found at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/council/your-council/council-elections.aspx.

Those wishing to nominate can obtain a nomination form by:

- ringing the WA Electoral Commission on 9214 0400; or
- downloading a form at www.waec.wa.gov.au; or
- calling in to Council's Customer Service Centre at 35 Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

It is important that your nomination and profile form, together with your deposit, are delivered to the Returning Officer before the close of nominations.

Voting system

The voting system will be first past the post and will require electors to place a tick against the candidates of their choice, up to and including the number of vacancies, which for Bassendean is a total of 4 ticks.

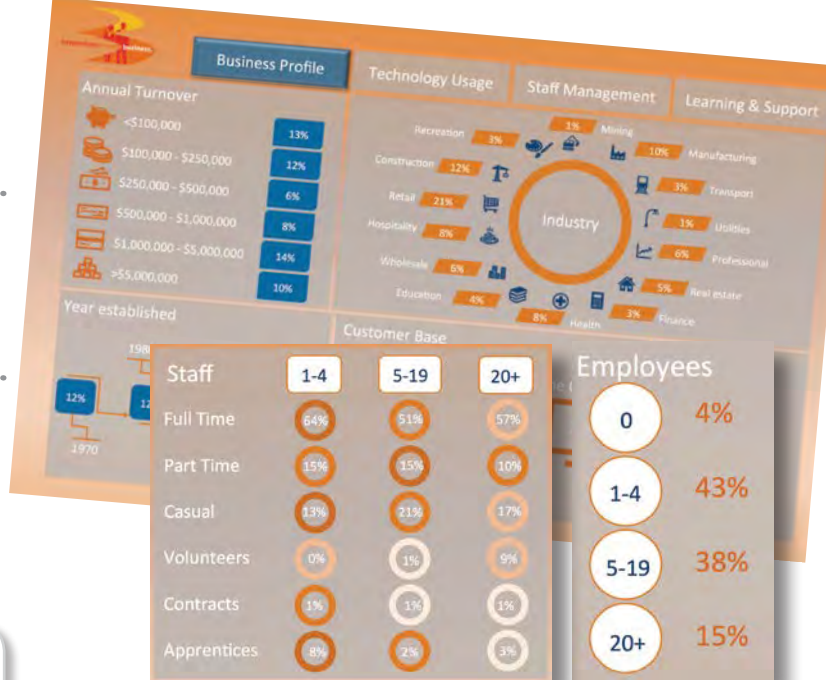
Elections are **postal only**. Election packages will be delivered by Australia Post at the end of September—so keep a watch for your package—vote and make your voice heard!

Nominations open on Thursday 7 September and close at 4 pm on Thursday 14 September 2017.

Business Survey 2017

The Town recently completed a local business survey. Areas included the industrial area, the retail areas in Ashfield, Eden Hill and Bassendean, plus many, many home-based businesses.

The Town enthusiastically supports and welcomes businesses and through this survey it provided a good snapshot of the priorities and needs that are important for businesses. Particular emphasis was directed to digital uptake, staffing and training levels and assessing the level of collaborations and engagement.



Impact on business

Interesting points the survey uncovered include:

WHEN ASKED 'How strongly do you anticipate that your business will be impacted in the next 5 years by technological changes?' over 40% believed it would strongly impact on them.

WHEN ASKED 'What has a strong impact on your business?' the top three responses were:

- Internet speed and reliability: **58%**
- Proximity to customers: **38%**
- Access to arterial roads and rail networks: **34%**

Quick facts

- Businesses reported that approximately 40% of their customers were now contacted via the internet.
- 34% of their customers are local and 39% are in the metro area.
- 24% of the businesses were established more than 30 years ago. The oldest businesses are predominantly in manufacturing and the youngest businesses are mainly in retail.

With the economy changing and new types of industries emerging, the Town wanted to know how local businesses were handling it. Also, because the NBN is now available across the region many residents who make the switch will be exploring starting a business from home and the Town wants to support new businesses.

There were lots of gaps revealed through this survey—the majority revolved around communication.

Of a selection of 12 government supported schemes for staff recruitment and training just 21% of businesses surveyed were aware of them.

A key outcome of this survey will be updating our database and a refresh of the Town's dedicated business site www.BassendeanMeansBusiness.com.au. It will become more effective and better targeted for the local businesses.

For a complete review of the survey results go to www.BassendeanMeansBusiness.com.au.

i If you have more specific enquiries concerning this survey and the services of the Economic Development Unit, please contact William Barry, Senior Economic Development Officer, at wbarry@bassendean.wa.gov.au.



RElax

The RElax Program—Recreation & Engagement—provides opportunities to develop skills, meet new people, try new things and engage with others.



Term 4 courses will be starting from **9 October** and include new workshops and activities including basket weaving, printmaking, Water Wise information session and DIY headpiece for the races.

Booklets and registration forms will be available from **18 September** at 35 Old Perth Road and various businesses across the Town. You can also find the booklet electronically at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/community/relax-program.aspx.

i For further information about the RElax Program, contact the Town's Recreation and Culture Business Unit on 9377 8000.




2017 Garage Sale Trail: now over two days!

Garage Sale Trail is coming to the Town on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October 2017 and is Australia's big weekend of good stuff with over 15,000 garage sales and stalls happening around the country.

Now in its seventh year, Garage Sale Trail, is a free, Council-powered weekend of garage sales that attracts over 300,000 bargain-loving shoppers nationally. With over 2 million pre-loved treasures expected to be up for sale in the streets, lanes and parks of Australia, it's our national day of haggling.

Go to the website www.garagesaletrail.com.au to sign up to the email list—you'll be the first to know when registrations open. It's free to register!

 For more information, please contact our Economic Development or Recreation & Culture Business Units on 9377 8000.


Increase in land reserved for Parks and Recreation purposes

The Town is currently in the process of implementing an 'omnibus' amendment to the Town's district-wide Local Planning Scheme No. 10 (LPS10) and associated Guided Development Scheme No. 4A (TPS4A).

Amongst other changes, the omnibus amendments to LPS10 and TPS4A secure Parks and Recreation reservation status for various parcels of land within the Town.

While many of the parcels of land are currently used as local parks, this use is inconsistent with current zoning under the Town's Schemes.

Christie Park at the corner of Briggs Street and Old Perth Road and the Third Avenue Reserve are just two examples of land which is affected by these changes. Both of these parks are currently zoned for residential development, but the amendment will secure their continued use as parks into the future.

 For a complete list of the properties affected, go to: www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/Profiles/bassendean/assets/moduledata/councilmeetings/dd3d67dc-6781-4b79-8a33-821d92ae6273/3.2/Omnibus%20Amendment%20Report%20-%20January%202017.pdf.






Did you know the oldest building in Bassendean turned 160 this year?

Convicts built the tiny two-roomed cottage at 1 Surrey Street, Bassendean, for Pensioner Guard, John Law Davis, and his wife Amelia, who occupied it in June 1857. Their eight children were raised there.

The cottage is opened by Bassendean Historical Society volunteers on the last Sunday of the month between 10.30 am and 2 pm from July to September, and from 1.30 pm to 4 pm in October and November.

If you have an interest in times past, or would like to learn a little about our absorbing history, the Society always welcomes enquiries and new members. For more information about Bassendean Historical Society contact Jennie Carter on 9279 8777 or by email at wa.research@gmail.com.

 For online information go to www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/pensioner-guard-cottage.aspx.

Community engagement update


As part of the Town's ongoing community engagement program, the following Recreation and Culture Plans are underway in 2017:

Community Facilities, Ovals/Reserves Audit and Needs Assessment

Thank you to all residents who have contributed to this planning study through the community consultation phase. The final report is expected to be completed by the end of August, when the community will once again have the opportunity to have their say on community facilities within the Town.

Development of the Town's new Cultural Plan

Consultants have been engaged to develop a new Cultural Plan for the Town over the next 4 to 5 years. A comprehensive community consultation program will be implemented as part of the cultural planning process. A mix of both traditional and online communication mediums will be used to consult with the community.

 All community engagement opportunities can be found at www.yoursay.bassendean.wa.gov.au/.

For residents who don't have online access, please let the Town know so that we can arrange for surveys and updates to be mailed directly to your home address.



It's time to celebrate and eat cake!

The Old Perth Road Markets is another year older on Sunday 27 August and you are our VIP!

There will be plenty of energy, and our ever-changing stalls promise to tease and tempt you with handcrafted goods, children's clothes, and all sorts of indulgences for your pet, and more.

The cafés and coffee shops will be open and food vendors will offer scrumptious dishes for brunch.

Gypsy Lou Duo will lead the entertainment. They are a gorgeous duo showcasing beautiful harmonies of Celtic music from Ireland and Scotland, as well as some fine original Indi-folk songs.

When you come to the Markets don't forget the birthday cake, which will be shared with visitors and guests as soon as the ceremonial cutting has been done by the Mayor!

We would love to see you there!

Bassendean Art Tour

Sunday 24 September
9.30 am – 1 pm

Spend the morning absorbed in the creative spaces within the Town of Bassendean.

You will visit the Bassendean Visual Art Awards, Cyril Jackson Artshouse and Artsource Ashfield—see the exhibitions and hear curator and artist talks.

We meet at O2 café at 9.30 am and end the tour at the Cork & Bottle at approximately 1 pm. Transport provided.



For more information and registration details, contact the Town on 9377 8020 or email events@bassendean.wa.gov



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Council Meetings Calendar

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST Council Briefings Session	5.00 pm
TUESDAY 22 AUGUST Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm
FRIDAY 25 AUGUST Youth Advisory Council Meeting	5.00 pm
WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER Bassendean Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	3.30 pm
WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER Access & Inclusion Committee Meeting	10.00 am
TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER Council Briefings Session	5.00 pm
TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm
FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER Youth Advisory Council Meeting	5.00 pm
WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting	5.30 pm
THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER Local Studies Collection Management Committee Meeting	9.30 am
TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER Liveable Town Advisory Committee Meeting	7.00 pm

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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 (10.00 am to noon) and the first Saturday of the month (9.15–11 am). A Justice of the Peace can witness official documents, administer an oath or affirmation, and take an affidavit.

Graffiti removal

If you notice any graffiti in the Town contact Graffiti Force on **1300 798 143** to have it removed.

For more information about what areas can be treated or to view the Graffiti Information Sheet, please go to our website.

Community Directory

Do you want to know more about activities and services available in our local area? Check out the Community Directory on the Town's website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au > Community > Community Directory. To start advertising your group or service on the Directory contact 9377 8000 or email to mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au