

## Redevelopment of the Mary Crescent Playground

In 2015, The Town of Bassendean approved the redevelopment of Mary Crescent Playground to become a Nature Based Playground. In 2016, the Town appointed Ecoscape Australia to undertake a community consultation process and provide drawings and tender information for this project.



**THE TOWN** has now completed the community engagement phase, which included an online survey, a workshop held at Alf Faulkner Hall, and engagement with the local primary school and childcare organisations. A concept plan was submitted to the Town in early November, where it was approved for construction in early 2018. The concept plan takes into account community feedback and reflects the preferences of local residents and user groups, especially the childcare services adjoining the Reserve. Key elements that have been proposed in the concept plan include a flying fox, log steppers, a timber cubby, a gyro swing and a family-friendly grassed picnic area. The existing trees will provide the shade canopy and the current basketball facility will be refurbished.

The Town of Bassendean was fortunate enough to secure \$100,000 from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department for CCTV equipment at both Mary Crescent and Jubilee Reserves.

The new equipment will serve to increase the security and amenity of Eden Hill residents by improving the ability of Town Rangers and local Police to view footage of anti-social behaviour.

The CCTV equipment should be operational by the end of 2017, and the entire project is aimed to be completed by mid-2018.

# Share Australia Day 2018 with family and friends at our Australia Day celebrations

The Town will once again present its Australia Day celebrations at Ashfield Reserve on Friday 26 January and you are invited to attend!

Come along and enjoy a range of festivities from 5pm, culminating at 8pm when the sky will light up with a fireworks spectacular, accompanied by a live music broadcast by our partners at 98five Sonshine FM. 98five will also be broadcasting from the Reserve all evening.

Bring a picnic or buy food and drinks from the many food options on offer and enjoy show-rides, on-stage performances and more, whilst celebrating Australia Day with friends and family.

Parking is strictly limited. Bike Valet will return once again to provide secure bike parking at either end of the Reserve—or you can walk, catch a bus or train or car-pool. Car parking is \$10 per car—we encourage car-pooling.

This is a smoke free, alcohol free and pet free event.

**i** For full program details, visit [www.australiadaybassendean.com.au](http://www.australiadaybassendean.com.au) or follow the Town's Arts & Events page on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bassendeanartsandevents](http://www.facebook.com/bassendeanartsandevents).

## Did you know that:

The Australia Day Fireworks is the biggest annual event presented by the Town.

The Town has been running the event since 2005.

Over 15,000 people attend each year.

Attendance is made up of approximately 30% residents and 70% from outside of the Town.

Parking fees collected on the night go to community groups that assist in delivering the event to the community.

Number of aerial shells fired – 650  
Number of mid-level fireworks – 12,000!



## 3 bins to reduce waste to landfill

The Town's newly elected Council is considering implementing a 3 bin waste system in the Town.

The State Government is currently offering Councils a grant per household to implement a third bin in an attempt to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Members of the Bassendean community have expressed an interest in the Town adopting a three bin waste system, which adds a green waste bin to the co-mingled recycling and general waste bin system.

The bin upgrade will mean that:

- residents' disposal behaviour will improve by reducing waste to landfill;
- households will have an increased recycling capacity; and
- there will be a reduction of approximately 20% of waste to landfill by capturing greenwaste for mulching.



Further information on this initiative will be available on the Town's website at [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au), where you will also have an opportunity to have your say.



## Four new councillors elected to council

Following the recent Local Government elections, the Town has welcomed four new Councillors—Cr Kath Hamilton, Cr Melissa Mykytiuk, Cr Sarah Quinton and Cr Jai Wilson.

From left: Cr Jai Wilson, Cr Sarah Quinton, Cr Melissa Mykytiuk, Deputy Mayor Bob Brown, Cr Kath Hamilton, Cr John Gangell, Mayor Renée McLennan and CEO Bob Jarvis.

These Councillors join existing Councillors John Gangell, Renée McLennan and Bob Brown to form the new 7-member Council. All four Councillors were sworn in at a Special Council Meeting on Monday 23 October and will serve for a 4-year term. At the same meeting, Cr McLennan was elected Mayor and Cr Bob Brown was elected Deputy Mayor.



Go to [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au) for details of the current Council, contact details, and a bio of the new Councillors.

# Return of the summer screen

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COMMUNITY  
CINEMAS

Telethon Community Cinema returns for a full season of outdoor summer screenings from Thursday 7 December 2017 to Saturday 24 March 2018 at the BIC Reserve (corner Guildford Road and Wilson Street, Bassendean).

The family-friendly, affordable community cinema donates all profits to charities improving the quality of life of kids in a health or physical ability crisis. Since inception, the cinemas have raised in excess of \$8 million!

Screenings will run each week from Wednesday to Sunday.

Please refer to the Telethon Community Cinemas website at [www.communitycinemas.com.au](http://www.communitycinemas.com.au) for listings or more information.

Save the date for a  
free cinematic  
spectacular!

In addition to the summer program of new and recent releases, the Town of Bassendean and Telethon Community Cinemas have also cooked up an awesome free event to add to your summer entertainment calendar.

## Live Music + Silent Movies = Great Entertainment

On Saturday 24 February visit the Old Perth Road Twilight Markets, then join us at the Cinema for a unique night of live music and silent movies.

This a free, family-friendly screening. In a special treat, the exceptional music ensemble Viola Dana will perform their original live music score to Buster Keaton's silent film comedy *The General*, a cinematic classic listed in the book *1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die*.

Before you come to the screening, grab a meal, enjoy live entertainment and shop the Markets, then stroll around the corner to the Cinema for a truly unique experience under the stars. For some local flavour, Cyril Jackson Senior Campus students are also creating a silent film short of their own that will also have a live soundtrack performed by Viola Dana to be screened prior to the main event.



Keep an eye out for event fliers, and follow our Town of Bassendean Arts and Events Facebook page for more details at [www.facebook.com/bassendeanartsandevents/](http://www.facebook.com/bassendeanartsandevents/).



## Carols at the Oval

presented by Bassendean Church of Christ

Carols at the Oval will be held from 7.00pm–8.30pm on Sunday 17 December 2017, at Steel Blue Oval Bassendean, Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

The evening will feature the Combined Districts Concert Band, puppets, local school choirs and other performing artists and groups.

Please use the main entrance at Rosetta Gates on Old Perth Road.

Parking is available at the Oval. Gates open at 5.30pm. Hot food and drinks available for sale for picnic dinners on the beautiful green grass of the Oval.

This is a smoke free, alcohol free and pet free event.

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## Christmas best @ the Old Perth Road Markets

On Saturday 16 December take a detour around to the Old Perth Road Twilight Markets to hear the entertaining choir The Real Sing and be prepared for some fun!



Having performed at the Denmark Festival of Voice, Dunsborough Festival, Perth Concert Hall, Jazz Clubs and many other places, this polished group of singers will be centre stage.

The choir's repertoire is drawn from a broad range of styles including jazz, pop, gospel, doo-wop and Motown. The Real Sing is an auditioned 'a cappella' choir, with 7 singers in each soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. They love to perform and a group of the choir will sing some of their old favourites, along with a Christmas carol or two.

Come and join us at the Old Perth Road Markets and besides the music there will be great food, Santa Claus, and fabulous Christmas gift ideas.

## Festive Season business hours

**COUNCIL OFFICES:** The Council offices at 35 & 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean, will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2017 to re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

**BASSEDEAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** The Bassendean Memorial Library will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2017 to re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

**BASSEDEAN YOUTH SERVICE:** The Bassendean Youth Service will be closed from 6.00pm on Thursday 21 December 2017 to re-open at 9.30am on Tuesday 16 January 2018.

**VOLUNTEER CENTRE:** The Volunteer Centre will be closed from 12 noon on Friday 22 December 2017 to re-open at 10.00am on Monday 8 January 2018.

**COMMUNITY TRANSPORT OFFICE:** The Community Transport Office will be closed from Friday 15 December 2017 to Monday 15 January 2018.

**RANGER SERVICES:** During the festive season, Ranger Services will operate from 7.00am to 9.00pm, except on Christmas Day, when the service will be closed. You may leave a message and a Ranger will call you back the following day.

## Festive Season waste services

**RUBBISH COLLECTION:** Rubbish collection dates will change over the public holiday period, as shown below:

If your normal collection day is:	Your bin will be collected on:
Monday, 25 December 2017	Tuesday, 26 December 2017
Tuesday, 26 December 2017	Wednesday 27 December 2017
Wednesday 27 December 2017	Thursday, 28 December 2017
Thursday, 28 December 2017	Friday, 29 December 2017
Friday, 29 December 2017	Saturday, 30 December 2017
Monday, 1 January 2018	Tuesday, 2 January 2018
Tuesday, 2 January 2018	Wednesday, 3 January 2018
Wednesday, 3 January 2018	Thursday, 4 January 2018
Thursday, 4 January 2018	Friday, 5 January 2018
Friday, 5 January 2018	Saturday, 6 January 2018

**RECYCLING COLLECTION:** There will be an additional recycling collection service over the festive season to assist households cope with the extra volume of recyclables. This exciting initiative means that households will now receive 3 consecutive weeks of recycling collections over Christmas and New Year, from Tuesday 26 December 2017 to Friday 12 January 2018.

Normal Waste Services	Recycle Services
Week 1: Tues 26 Dec to Sat 30 Dec	Normal Recycle Collection
Week 2: Tues 2 Jan to Sat 6 Jan 2018	Additional recycling collection
Week 3: Mon 8 Jan to Fri 12 Jan 2018	Normal Recycle Collection

We estimate 15 additional tonnes of recyclables can be diverted from landfill this Christmas, if we all aim to reduce our waste for a sustainable future.

The Red Hill Waste Management Facility at 1094 Toodyay Road, Red Hill, will be closed on Christmas Day, Monday 25 December 2017, and on New Year's Day, Monday 1 January 2018, but will remain open on all other days. The facility can be contacted on 9574 6235.

Any rubbish collection questions should be directed to SUEZ on 9350 7195.



# Your recycling actions have an effect on the planet...

Did you know that different plastics can be recycled? If you see any of these 1–7 Identification Code Numbers on the plastic packaging you can simply place them into your yellow-lidded recycling bin and this will keep your packaging out of landfill.



To further improve recycling opportunities, some of Australia's most-loved brands have established a 'soft plastic' recycling program. So if you have 'soft plastic' packaging which does not have an identification code, such as the empty bread bags, biscuit packets, frozen food bags, rice and pasta bags, confectionary packets, cereal plastic liners, plastic wrap for newspapers, magazines and plastic shopping bags, you are able to take them to the nearest 'soft plastic' recycling bin found at the front of all Coles supermarket stores.



Please refer to the following website to find out more information on what soft plastics can be recycled <http://www.redcycle.net.au/what-to-redcycle/>.

## Did you know?

ON 9 JANUARY 2018, it will be 150 years since the end of transportation of convicts to Australia. The *Hougoumont* had 279 male convicts on board, including 62 Irish political prisoners or Fenians. Some Fenians were sent to Success Hill to break limestone for road making.

Convict guards also have a link with Bassendean in our heritage-listed Pensioner Guard cottage. The Bassendean Historical Society opens the cottage for visitors on the last Sunday of the month between 10am and 1.30pm.



For information about BHS contact [wa.research@gmail.com](mailto:wa.research@gmail.com).



## Units available now at Hyde Retirement Village

**Are you over 65 years of age, retired and on income support and looking to downsize to a more manageable low care home?**  
**Would you like to live in a worry free social environment where you feel connected to neighbours of similar age and interests?**

The Council-owned Hyde Retirement Village is a 31 unit independent living complex located at 2 James Street, Bassendean. The provision of independent living units at the Hyde Retirement Village in James Street is an important component of Council's strategy to support healthy ageing, foster continued independence and encourage freedom of choice in the community.

Most units have one large bedroom, a lounge/dining room, a kitchen and a bathroom. The centrally located, low-care units are nestled in lush green grounds within the Town Centre. It's just around the corner and within walking distance from the Council's Customer Service Centre, the Bassendean Library, doctors' surgeries, chemists, Bassendean Seniors and Community Centre, cafés, shops and other essential services. There is a bus stop directly outside the complex and it is only a short walk to the Bassendean Shopping Centre.



For more information call Seniors and Disability Services on 9279 6588.

# New at the Library



Kanopy is a video streaming platform that provides access to browse and view over 30,000 films and documentaries from suppliers such as BBC, Criterion Collection, Ronin Films, Madman Entertainment and others.

## How do I access kanopy?

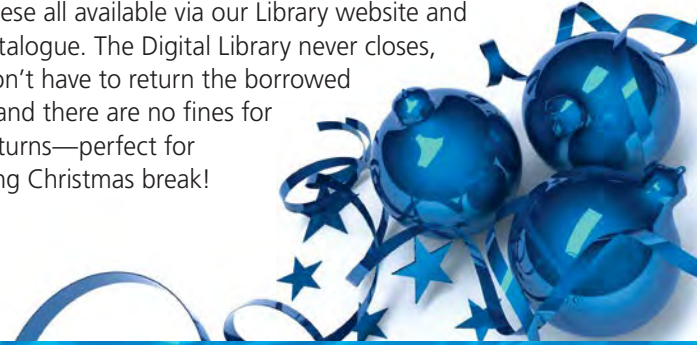
All you need is your library card, computer or mobile device and Internet access. You can log in to Kanopy via our library website at [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/library](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/library): click on Information & Resources > eResources – Kanopy or by downloading an app.

Once you set up an account, you will need your library card barcode and the password to sign in. The password is 'library'.

When selected, each film may be viewed, paused, finished and re-watched over a 72-hour period before needing to be requested again. You may view up to four films a month. Kanopy is offered as part of the State Library of Western Australia Digital Services Collection.

## And more digital library resources...

Other eResources include eBooks, eAudio and eMagazines—and these all available via our Library website and our catalogue. The Digital Library never closes, you don't have to return the borrowed items and there are no fines for late returns—perfect for the long Christmas break!



# Does your pool comply?

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**Drowning is the most common cause of preventable death for children aged 0–5. Over the past five years 16 toddlers have drowned in Western Australia. For every drowning death, it is estimated that 10 children are admitted to hospital following a near-drowning incident (160 children over the past five years).**  
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In Western Australia, domestic swimming pools are the most common site in which drowning for children aged 0–5 occurs with 94% of drowning incidents at locations in and around the home.

**Of the 94% drowning incidents, 31% occurred at a relative or neighbour's home.**

These tragic incidents can be significantly reduced if we are all aware of the potential hazards of water in our everyday life—using simple prevention methods and learning the life-saving skill of resuscitation.

## Causes of accidental drowning

Most drownings occur where there is no barrier between the residence and the pool area or because the barrier is defective.

## The rules and regulations

All private swimming and spa pools that contain water that is more than 300mm deep, including temporary or semi-permanent children's paddling pools, must have a compliant barrier installed that restricts access by young children to the pool and its immediate surrounds.

## What is required?

A building permit is required under the *Building Act 2011* and the *Building Regulations 2012* prior to installing, constructing or altering swimming and spa pool barriers, including windows, doors and gates that provide access to a swimming or spa pool area. A building permit is also required for the construction of swimming and spa pools.

Whilst a portable wading pool, that does not contain water that is more than 300mm deep, does not require a mandatory child safety barrier, parents and carers need to be aware that these types of pools are still a constant source of danger to young children.

## The role of the Town of Bassendean

The Town of Bassendean is responsible for issuing building permits for swimming and spa pools and their associated barriers. The approval process not only ensures that the building and barrier standards are satisfied, but that the structures are registered with the local government so that periodic inspections of the installed barrier can occur—generally once every four years.

## Are there penalties for non-compliance?

Owners and occupiers are responsible for ensuring that any fence or barrier restricting access to a swimming or spa pool is maintained and operating effectively. If you do not comply with the Regulations and the Standard, you risk the lives of young children as well as facing substantial fines.

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This information is based on the publication "Rules for Pools and Spas" published by the Building Commission.

The Mayor, Cr Renée McLennan, the Councillors, the CEO and staff of the Town of Bassendean wish everyone a joyous festive season and a safe and healthy New Year.



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### Council Meetings Calendar

Council is in the process of reviewing its current Committee structure and dates for meetings in 2018 have not yet been finalised. Once this information is available it will be advertised in the *Eastern Reporter* newspaper, on the Town's website at [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au), and in a future issue of the *Bassendean Briefings* newsletter.

### 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 (10.00–11.30am) and the first Saturday of the month (9.15–11am). A Justice of the Peace can witness official documents, administer an oath or affirmation, and take an affidavit.

### Christmas closure

The Justice of the Peace office at the Bassendean Memorial Library is now closed but will re-open on Wednesday 31 January 2018 at 10am. For information on finding a JP, go to the Department of Justice's website at [http://www.courts.dotag.wa.gov.au/J/justices\\_of\\_the\\_peace.aspx](http://www.courts.dotag.wa.gov.au/J/justices_of_the_peace.aspx)

### 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](http://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](mailto:mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au)