

Have your say

## Planning for playtime at

# Sandy Beach Reserve

Following lots of creative input from our community, an impressive concept design for the nature-based play space planned for Sandy Beach Reserve has been prepared for our community to consider.

The nature-based play space is designed to be an attractive, all-abilities recreation facility, that will provide a diverse range of outdoor play opportunities for varying ages and abilities. The play space is proposed to sit upon an island created above the level of the flood plain, and nestled within the grove of existing mature trees. Focal points of the play space include the towering tree house and the 30 metre long flying fox. It is also planned that kids will have places to build cubbies, be challenged and given the opportunity to safely explore in the nature play environment.

Dog owners are assured that the Reserve will continue to be a space where people can recreate with their dogs.

Ensure your voice is heard by completing the online survey at 'Your Say Bassendean' which can be found at [www.yoursay.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.bassendean.wa.gov.au). The comment period has been extended until 9 March.

Alternatively, you can view the concept design, and complete a survey in person, at one of the following locations:

Customer Service Centre – 35 Old Perth Road  
Bassendean Memorial Library – 46 Old Perth Road  
Hawaiian's Bassendean Shopping Centre – West Road.

Make a note of the date and come along to the community forum where your queries will be answered. The forum will be held on **Wednesday 28 March** in the **Bassendean Community Hall, 48 Old Perth Road**, commencing at 6pm.



Please feel free to contact the Town's Director Community Development, Graeme Haggart, on 9377 8000 or [mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au).



# Town to tackle weeds!



Weeds have been a hot topic of conversation in the Town.

There has been much discussion around how we can best manage weeds while also being conscious of the need to protect the health of our residents, the river and our fragile ecosystems.

Council has committed to taking a precautionary approach and using non-chemical management of weeds that emerge from road kerb lines, road islands and footpaths within the Town. While a suitable solution was being sourced, little weed management has occurred so you may have noticed more weeds than normal around the Town lately. However, our streets will soon be weed free again after the Town of Bassendean recently awarded Natural Area Holdings the contract to steam weed our streets.

Commencing in February 2018, the contractor will undertake their first steam weed eradication program to all streets where weeds have emerged from road kerb lines, road islands and footpaths.

In line with the Town of Bassendean's road hierarchy, and in order of priority, the management of weeds for 'Local Distributor' roads will be undertaken approximately 5 times per year and 'Local Access' roads approximately 3 times per year.

In addition, the Town has also undertaken trials in some of the Town's reserves using non-chemical weed eradication techniques to identify the effects on weeds.



If you have any further queries about the non-chemical steam weed control please call Asset Services on 9377 9000 between 8am–4pm.

## Plants to Residents

**The Town of Bassendean is offering residents a maximum of 30 native plant seedlings per household at a subsidised cost of \$1 each. Perhaps this is the perfect opportunity to consider transforming your verge into a waterwise, native garden!**

To take advantage of the opportunity to showcase some of Western Australia's unique flora in your garden, simply bring your rates notice, or a document which provides proof of residency within the Town, to the Customer Service Centre, 35 Old Perth Road, Bassendean, between 9am to 4pm, Tuesday 6 March till Friday 16 March 2018 (unless sold out prior).

Once you have provided proof of residency, you will be given the opportunity to purchase a voucher for up to 30 seedlings. You can choose and collect your seedlings using your voucher at the Men of the Trees nursery on Saturday 23 June 2018 between 8am and 2pm. The Men of the Trees nursery is at Lot 2 Stirling Crescent (cnr Amherst Road), Hazelmere.

**Stocks are limited and your voucher must be presented on the day of pick-up—no plants will be issued if you do not have a voucher.**

The timing of this scheme allows the seedlings sufficient time to become established over the wettest months of the year. Being local native plants, the seedlings are already well adapted to our climate and, once established, should not require a high level of watering.

**The Scheme is only available to the Town's residents and ratepayers.**



# Little Italy

## Street Festival Extravaganza

The Town is very excited to announce the return of the Little Italy Street Festival Extravaganza.

When: Friday 9 March and Saturday 10 March

Time: 4.30pm onwards

Where: Festival Piazza—Old Perth Road, Bassendean

*This year's event will include:*

- Italian Live Lounge, returning from a sell-out Fringe Festival show;
- The Black String Puppet Theatre presenting their spectacular show;
- The 'Great Spaghetti Eating Competition' (terms and conditions apply);
- Fabulous selections of your favourite Italian foods, such as cakes, pastries, sausages and more! Crafted Events will run the festival bar.

*Free entry and all welcome!*



For further details, follow Little Italy Street Festival Extravaganza on Facebook.



# Town achieves target in reducing carbon emissions

**In 2015, the Town committed to a Carbon Reduction Target to reduce its corporate carbon emissions of 7.5% by 2016/2017 from the baseline 2011/2012 financial year. The Town is proud to announce that its corporate carbon emissions has reduced by 7.6% a year early!**

The Town tracks its carbon emissions, which are emitted via the use of electricity, gas and other fuels, through an online platform. This platform also keeps track of the Town's energy and water consumption for all Council assets, as well as energy efficiency projects that are implemented.

Some projects that the Town completed to achieve its target include solar lighting in selected parks and reserves, LED lighting retrofits in several administration, community buildings and in street lighting along Old Perth Road, and installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems on high energy consuming buildings.

These projects were just the beginning of the Town's emissions reduction and, since late 2016, solar PV systems have continued to pop up on the Town's buildings and facilities. The latest installations can be seen at Ashfield Community Centre, Wind in the Willows Childcare Centre, Hyde Retirement Village and Alf Faulkner Hall.

The Town today has over 110 kW of solar PV systems installed on buildings and facilities and, in the 2016/2017 financial year alone, reduced its corporate emissions by a further 8.2%!

The Town wants to continue its commitment to reducing emissions to combat climate change and reduce energy costs. Council has supported the formation of a new Sustainability Committee, reflecting the importance that is placed on being responsible stewards of our environment. The committee will work with Council and our community to introduce further initiatives to assist the Town to reduce our carbon footprint.

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**A new Emissions Reduction Plan is currently under development and will be out for public consultation later this year on the 'Your Say' community portal. The plan will include a new target for the Town to achieve and new actions to implement.**

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## RYDE Program

**THE BASSEDEAN** Volunteer Centre is looking for volunteer RYDE mentors to assist youth who currently hold a learner's licence in fulfilling their 50 hours of supervised driving, required to obtain their probationary licence.

The Town has a specially equipped vehicle and comprehensive insurances to support the program. As a RYDE mentor, you will have access to a convenient, self-booking system online that makes this program very flexible, to accommodate your availability.

RYDE mentors are not 'driving instructors'—they do however offer support and guidance on the critical skills of safe driving.



If you would like to learn more about becoming a RYDE mentor, please contact the Bassendean Volunteer Centre on 9377 2191 or visit the RYDE website at <https://ryde.org.au>.

# Enhanced play space at Wind in the Willows Bassendean

Children's Services has been working hard to enhance the outdoor environments for some of the youngest children at Wind in the Willows; the Nursery now boasts a beautiful garden for children to explore.

The new play space includes a tree, which will provide a 10 metre canopy of natural shade over time. This is surrounded by a beautiful octagonal wooden deck for children to negotiate and socialise. Children enjoy the texture of the soft white sand as they dig and cook in the sandpit, and the aroma of jasmine fills the air as they clamber over logs and stepping stones. The artificial turf is both functional and beautiful and the meandering pathways provide opportunity for physical development as children navigate their trolleys and collect their treasures.

The feedback from families has been very positive, and we in Children's Services are thankful to be able to provide greater opportunities for connectedness to nature to support early childhood development.

## Get your neighbours together and celebrate Neighbour Day!

Neighbour Day will be held on **Sunday 25 March** across Australia!

Neighbour Day is Australia's annual celebration of community that encourages people to connect with those who live nearby. Whether for a cuppa, a picnic in the park or a message of support, it's the perfect opportunity to say thanks for being a great neighbour and for being there when I needed you most.

To stage your own Neighbour Day event, visit the Neighbour Day website at [www.neighbourday.org](http://www.neighbourday.org) to receive your free kit, which will include invitations, posters, connection cards, neighbourly tips and more.



## Award for outstanding volunteer service

**BASSENDEAN** resident, Mrs Gwen Fenech OAM JP, has been honoured for her long-standing commitment to the Western Australian community as a Justice of the Peace.

Gwen became a JP in 1975 and has been volunteering her time for more than 42 years. She was recently presented with a WA Volunteer Service Award by the WA Governor, Kerry Sanderson, and Minister for Volunteering, Mr Mick Murray MLA, at a ceremony held at the Parmelia Hilton Perth.

Mrs Fenech, a long-term resident of the Town, said she was thrilled to receive the Award and encouraged others to make a difference by volunteering their time in the community.





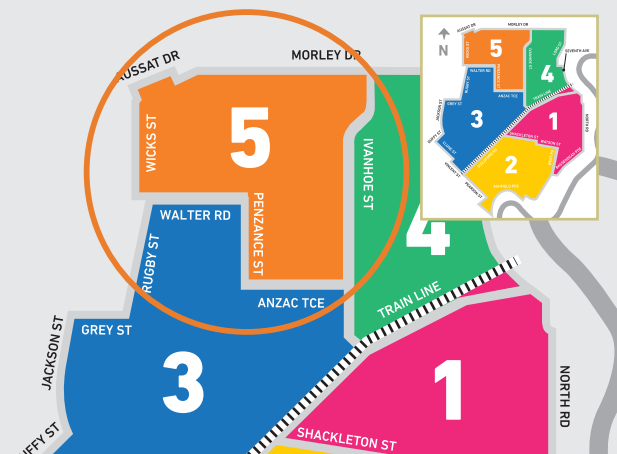
# Local family honoured with naming of laneway

**THE TOWN** is proud to announce the naming of McKinlay Lane in honour of Mary McKinlay MBE, and her husband, James McKinlay OBE, MM and ED. Mary and James McKinlay lived in and contributed greatly to the Bassendean community and to the wider Western Australian community over many years.

Mrs Mary McKinlay (née Lumsden) was well-loved, being known for her understanding nature, and for providing help wherever possible. She was a founding member of the Bassendean RSL Sub Branch Ladies Auxiliary and State President of the RSL Ladies Auxiliary for fifteen years. She served on the Board of the Soldiers' Dependents' Scholarship Trust, and the Claremont Hospital Visitors' Board, and was awarded the MBE in 1948 for her work during the war years.

Mr James McKinlay was born in 1894; he won the Annual Guildford Swim Through race in 1910, and was known for his humour, fairness and humility. He served in the Australian Army Signals Corps from 1914 till 1964; he served in Gallipoli and the Western Front in WWI, and again in WWII in the SW-Pacific Campaign, and was highly decorated.

Their descendants still live in Bassendean today, and are pictured having their first look at the new street sign for McKinlay Lane.



## Easter waste collection services

**THIS YEAR** Good Friday falls on Friday 30 March and no waste service will be carried out on that day—instead Area 5 household rubbish bins that are usually collected on Fridays will be collected on Saturday 31 March.

There will be no change to waste services on Easter Monday 2 April—all rubbish and recycling bins will be collected as normal.

Remember to have your bins out by 6am.



For further information, please refer to our News & Public Notices page on our website at [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au) or visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/bassendeancouncil/](http://www.facebook.com/bassendeancouncil/).



## RElax Program 2018

**THE RELAX PROGRAM**—Recreation & Engagement is back for 2018! This term, we once again offer opportunities to not only learn new skills but also to relax with friends (and meet new ones), spend time on yourself and try new things.

Term 1 courses, starting from 12 February 2018, include:

- Hatha Yoga
- Zumba®
- Mums and Bubs Yoga
- UKE123
- Metafit
- Pilates
- Samba Drumming
- Scarf Creation with Nuno Felting
- Thursday Morning Yoga
- The Secret of Print—Monotyping.

Booklets and registration forms are available at 35 Old Perth Road and various businesses across the Town. The booklet will be on the Town's website along with a new online registration form for those who wish to pay via credit card.



For further information about the RELax Program, contact the Town's Recreation and Culture Business Unit on 9377 8000 or visit <http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/community/relax-program.aspx>

# Cultural Plan review

**ARTS AND CULTURE** are important in Bassendean: we're proud of the number of exciting, talented artists and performers who live in Bassendean, and of the Town's great events and activities in which we can participate.

The Town is renewing its Arts and Cultural Plan so we want to hear from you in order to develop a Plan that is dynamic and captures the aspirations of artists, creatives and the general community. This will provide the foundation for a more strategic approach to cultural development in the Town.

We want to hear your ideas and thoughts for the future—so we are holding community gathering sessions during March at the following times and locations:

**Ashfield:** Cyril Jackson Artshouse Saturday 10 March 10 am–1 pm  
**Eden Hill:** Alf Faulkner Hall Thursday 15 March 6.30 pm–9 pm  
**Bassendean:** Community Hall Saturday 17 March 10 am–1 pm  
Please RSVP to [events@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:events@bassendean.wa.gov.au) so we can be sure of numbers.

We encourage everyone's input: if you are unable to attend, please fill out the community survey, which you can find at [www.yoursay.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.bassendean.wa.gov.au). Please use this opportunity to share your thoughts, stay informed of the Town's progress on this project and participate in community consultation.

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## Free Retro Wednesdays 1980's Classics

Have a totally mint leap back in time when the Town presents a month of free 80's retro films at Bassendean Outdoor Cinemas! Screenings commence 7.45 pm.

### Program

Wed 28 Feb: *The Blues Brothers* (M)  
Wed 7 Mar: *E.T.—The Extra Terrestrial* (PG)  
Wed 14 Mar: *Out of Africa* (M)  
Wed 21 Mar: *The Breakfast Club* (M)

Retro Wednesday tickets are limited.

To book, visit the Events Calendar in the Bassendean Outdoor Cinema's page of [www.communitycinemas.com.au](http://www.communitycinemas.com.au).

Beanbag hire and pre-ordered food are also available through this website.

## Experience silent film in its original 1920's glory —under the stars, and for free! Saturday 24 February

'SILENT SCREEN LIVE SOUNDS' is a special family event on Saturday 24 February featuring Buster Keaton's cinematic classic *The General*, with an original live music score performed by award-winning musicians Viola Dana. In a highly entertaining show that has previously received standing ovations, Viola Dana will delight young and old with their captivating live music score influenced by jazz, American bluegrass and folk, and classical music.

The Town formed a special partnership with Cyril Jackson Senior Campus for the event, inviting media students the opportunity to create a silent film-short, with guidance from film-maker Mat de Koning. Their film *Well Played* screens just prior to *The General*. Come early and visit the Old Perth Road Twilight Markets; have a meal, browse stalls and enjoy live music, then head around the corner to the cinema for the screening.

**Markets open 5.30 pm | Cinema gates open 6.30 pm**  
**Screening/performance commences 7.45 pm.**

The Bassendean Outdoor Cinema is located on the corner Wilson Street and Guildford Road.

**Book your free tickets now!**

The cinema has limited capacity—book your tickets at [www.communitycinemas.com.au](http://www.communitycinemas.com.au) to avoid disappointment.

'Silent Screen Live Sounds' is co-presented with Telethon Community Cinemas.



For more information, call 9377 8000.




# Briefings sessions' schedule changed

Council has decided to change the way that briefings sessions are carried out in an effort to ensure more well-informed and considered decision-making.

Briefings sessions have previously been held on the same day as the Council meeting, where decisions are made, but will now be held one week prior. Briefings sessions will be open to the public (with the exception of 'confidential items'), and will include an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions on items under consideration, make deputations on agenda items, reports and notices of motion. You are encouraged to attend and have input into the issues facing our Town.

The intention is that Councillors will have more time to consider issues, have the opportunity to ask questions of officers of the Town, and can listen to the views of the community—all leading to more informed decisions.


Agendas for the briefings sessions will be available on the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting date.

 To check out upcoming briefings sessions and Council meetings, or to view an agenda, go to [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au).



Thinking of becoming a volunteer in 2018? Or looking to gain extra experience to assist you back into the work force?

The Bassendean Volunteer Centre has a variety of positions available, in a range of community sectors. Volunteering is a great way to get involved in your community, form new friendships and networks, and gain valuable new skills.

 For further information on becoming a volunteer, please contact us on 9377 2191, or visit our website to view the available volunteer positions for 2018 at [www.bassendeanvolunteer.com.au](http://www.bassendeanvolunteer.com.au).



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## Council Meetings Calendar

<b>TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY</b>	
Briefings Session	7.00 pm
<b>FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY</b>	
Youth Advisory Council Meeting	5.00 pm
<b>TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY</b>	
Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm
<b>TUESDAY 6 MARCH</b>	
Economic Development Committee Meeting	7.00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH</b>	
Bassendean Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting	3.30 pm
<b>TUESDAY 13 MARCH</b>	
Sustainability Committee Meeting	7.00 pm

<b>WEDNESDAY 14 MARCH</b>	
Access & Inclusion Committee Meeting	10.00 am
<b>TUESDAY 20 MARCH</b>	
Briefings Session	7.00 pm
<b>TUESDAY 27 MARCH</b>	
Ordinary Council Meeting	7.00 pm
<b>TUESDAY 10 APRIL</b>	
People Services 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 (10.00–11.30am) and the first Saturday of the month (9.15–11.00am). 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](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)