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Our Local Heroes – SES Bassendean

When a natural disaster strikes or an emergency situation arises, State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers can be found providing a wide range of services to help the community cope from the impact.

Recently, our local Bassendean SES team supported the response efforts to both the Red Gully and Woorlooloo bush fires, addressing damage from the storm plus undertaking two missing person searches.

Helping the community by responding to natural disasters is only part of their responsibilities. Volunteers also assist WA Police with search, cliff and cave rescues, in addition to air searches as observers.

SES volunteers come from all 'walks of life', covering a wide variety of backgrounds and professions. What they do have in common is a desire to make a contribution within our community.

Volunteers receive comprehensive training and have lots of opportunities to develop new skills, form new friendships, accept high levels of responsibility and enjoy the camaraderie of a tightly knit unit.

Do You Want to Make A Difference?

The SES Bassendean Unit is currently on a recruitment drive so if you are interested in making a difference or want to know more, please contact our local SES Team on 9279 4811.

Community Celebrates FOGO

The roll-out of the new FOGO waste system has been a huge undertaking, both for the Town of Bassendean team and our local community. As a thank-you to the residents of the Town, for their support and efforts in making this change a success, the local community celebrated with an evening of family-friendly activities, food and a movie. The Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Environment joined the festivities, recognising the significant support by the community in making changes that will contribute to reducing landfill. The Minister also congratulated Council for their leadership in being the first local government north of the river to adopt FOGO.



L to R: CEO of EMRC, Marcus Geisler; ToB Waste Coordinator, Brice Campbell; Cr Kathryn Hamilton, ToB CEO, Peta Mabbs; Mayor, Cr Renée McLennan; Minister Dawson, Cr Hilary MacWilliam; and Anita Geisler



ON THE COVER

Town of Bassendean SES volunteers serving breakfast at the Town's Citizenship Ceremony

January 26, 2021



Bunuru-Noongar Season

Season of Adolescence (February/March)

Bunuru is the hottest time of the year on the Noongar calendar, with little to no rain. Hot easterly winds continue with a cooling sea breeze most afternoons if you're close to the coast. Traditionally this was, and still is, a great time for living and fishing by the coast, rivers and estuaries. Because of this, freshwater foods and seafood made up major parts of the diet during this time of year.

Bunuru is also a time of the white flowers with lots of white flowering gums in full bloom, including Jarrah, Marri and Ghost Gums.

As the hot, dry weather continues the seed upon the cones change from green to bright red, indicating they're ripening and becoming more attractive to animals, particularly the emu, that will eat the toxic fleshy outer.

International Women's Day 2021



IWD Celebration in 2020. From left to right: Elliot McLennan, Mayor Cr Renée McLennan, Professor Lyn Beazley AO, CEO Peta Mabbs

A chance to celebrate women's achievements, International Women's Day (IWD) will be celebrated globally on Monday, 8 March 2021.

In 2020, the Town of Bassendean celebrated, providing an opportunity for representatives from across our local community to meet and recognise the value of female leaders in society. The Town has high profile role models with a majority female Council (Mayor, Cr Renée McLennan and Deputy Mayor, Cr Kathryn Hamilton, Cr Sarah Quinton and Cr Hilary MacWilliam), in addition to Chief Executive Officer, Peta Mabbs. In March 2021, the Town will host a similar event on 17 March 2021.

If you would like to join this year's celebration, and hear from inspiring women, please register

to enjoy a special morning tea and presentations from local business owner Petra Richardson from Spotted and special guest the Hon. Donna Faragher MLC.

To register your interest please email mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au by 10 March 2021. A formal invitation will be provided with event details. Limited places are available.



Some of Our Newest Australians to Join Our Community

Karen van Namen's Story



"When I was 9 years old I made friends with a girl called Tracy while on holiday in my home country of England. Tracy was originally from Perth WA, but now lives in Coventry, the next city along from me in Birmingham. Once a month we would go and

stay with each other's families until the age of 16 when she moved back to Bassendean.

We used to write to each other all the time for 7 years but then lost touch. This was pre-email and internet days so I decided to try to find her by putting a tiny advertisement in the West Australian newspaper. It said 'Does anyone know the whereabouts of Tracy and Troy Robinson, previously from Bassendean, and formerly of Coventry, England'. It's hard to imagine anyone reading this but three different people saw it, told Tracy, she contacted me, and I came out for a visit in 1990. I stayed for 2 years on a working holiday visa and would return on vacation every three years but never had enough points to get residency until 2014 when I emigrated. I met my husband the same year and we got a house - in Bassendean!! How weird is that, 35 years after I first wrote to Tracy. I love Basso and have become very involved in the community as Chaplain for the Swan Districts Women's Football team.

Even though I'm from England I love AFL and adore the girls.

I used to be a Personal Trainer and Sports Therapist, then taught people to be Fitness Instructors and PT's in a TAFE. I still work as a trainer now running classes and also go around Schools and Sports Clubs giving talks on mental health and self esteem etc

Amazingly Tracy and I are still friends and even though she lives in Melbourne now we are always in touch, in fact I went to visit her last month. So Australia has always been in my heart since I was 9 years old and it has been a dream of mine to become a citizen of this incredible country. Now I can vote, which I think is a real privilege, as women fought and died to give other women that right. I intend to keep sowing into my local community and am looking forward to a great new season with the Swannies, plus, spending time with our godchildren and wonderful friends in Perth.



Celebrating Diversity

On January 26 the Town welcomed 46 new Australians to our local community.

This was a day to not only embrace our newest citizens but to recognise the richness and diversity within our community from our first people through to the successive waves of immigration that have followed and shaped Australia into the wonderful multicultural nation that it is today. Following the Citizenship Ceremony, community members enjoyed an indigenous cultural performance from the Bindjareb Middars Dance Troupe, which our Mayor, Cr Renée McLennan and Local MP, Dave Kelly actively participated in.



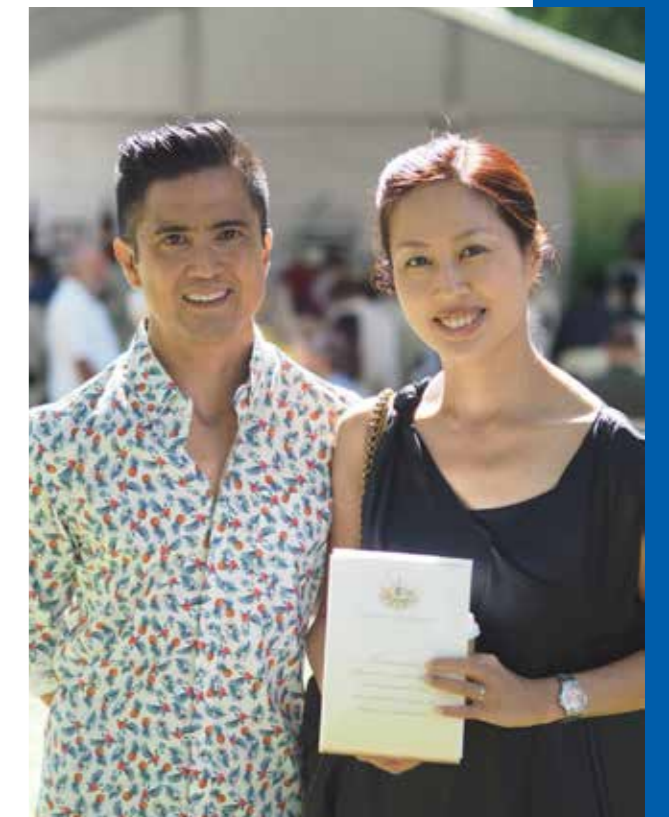
Local MP Dave Kelly with members of the Bindjareb Middars Dance Troupe



Rachel Lau's Story

"Hi everyone, my name is Rachel and I was born and raised in Hong Kong. I used to work as a marketing manager in a retail bank in Hong Kong. I am a hard-working person. Back then I did not pace myself very well and experienced muscle pain from spending too much time sitting at my desk. I decided to take a break and went to spiritual Byron Bay for yoga teacher training. There I met an Aussie man who is originally from Bassendean. After the yoga teacher training, I went back to Hong Kong, packed my bags and followed him. So, I went with the flow and ended up in Australia. It's been great!

I am grateful for what I have and where I live. I have two great plans. First, I have a yoga start-up and have enjoyed teaching in Bassendean and Ashfield, and around Perth. I am also a final year student of occupational therapy at Curtin University. My dream is to use yoga as an occupational therapy solution to help people build physical and inner strength to face practical aspects of life. Second, there are more varieties of Asian food available in Perth than I could ever find in Hong Kong. I am going to try them all!"





Art activity



Westcare factory tour



Westcare Manager Richard Swanson

Celebrating International Day of People with Disability

A local celebration to recognise a global day of awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability, was held in December.

The Town partnered with Westcare, a locally based not-for-profit disability employment and training provider. Community members were invited to a tour through the Westcare factory. Afterwards, guests were welcomed with a morning tea and the opportunity to meet and talk with many of the people working there.

Westcare was established 74 years ago and provides a range of employment and training opportunities including food packaging,

safety gear, printing, boxes and packaging. For many of the people employed, it provides an important reason to 'get out of bed in the morning' plus an enriching opportunity to socialise and learn new skills.

The work undertaken by Westcare is a wonderful example of facilitating ease of access for people with disabilities whilst also promoting an inclusive community for people of all abilities.

Celebrating 40 years Working in the Town

Steve Thisleton is not only a true Bassendean legend but also recently achieved a career milestone of 40 years' service at the Town.

From when his family first emigrated and moved to the district in the 1940's, to working for the Town of Bassendean and volunteering at Swan Districts Football Club, Steve has never stopped giving.

Steve started with the Town of Bassendean in 1980, aged 26, as a truck driver / parks general hand. Over the 40 years in the Parks and Gardens team, Steve has been recognised for his efforts in the early days as the curator for the BIC Reserve tennis courts and Croquet Club. From there Steve progressed through to being a senior member of the Parks and Gardens team with specialised skills and knowledge in turf maintenance.

His heritage is well entwined with the Town, starting from when his grandparents, who came out to Australia from Lancashire and Scotland in the early 1900's, and moved to the district in the 1940's, living in Ida St Bassendean. His father served in WWII with Steve growing up in Penzance St.

Steve was a trainer/ strapper for the Swan Districts Football Club for 35 years and became a Swan Districts life member in 1993. A highly valued member at the Town and in the community, Steve looks forward to retirement later this year.

To commemorate this incredible milestone of forty years' service, Steve was recently presented with a plaque celebrating his career at the Town.



New Mural Gracing 'Eden Lane'

When you are travelling down Ivanhoe Street past Eden Hill Primary School, there is a new playful mural which should not be missed. In a project designed to increase the vibrancy of Eden Hill, local artist and Deputy Mayor, Cr Kathryn Hamilton recently teamed up with the Eden Hill Community Action Network (Eden Hill CAN) to create the eye-catching mural. Once a large brown brick wall opposite the school, a lively scene of native trees and flowers now graces the space.

The creative force behind the project, Cr Hamilton describes how the work interacts with the surroundings. "The trees and house behind the brick fence inspired painting in tree trunks to connect with the actual surroundings. There's a last-minute addition of a signpost within the art called 'Eden Lane' that is a subtle signal to let our imaginations run riot."

Eden Hill CAN volunteers organised two weekends of painting to allow locals to add their artistic touch to the mural. The volunteers had their hands full

directing artists young and old.

"What fun to experience the different personalities of budding young artists some of whom were fastidiously painting with exacting detail whilst others splashed broad brushstrokes across their sections. The parents with a height advantage were conscripted into painting as well. Excellent work all round", said Cr Hamilton.

The project would not have been possible without funding received through the Perth Airport's Community Boost Program, and the gracious support of the property owner who

donated their front yard as the canvas.

Eden Hill CAN has other projects planned to continue to beautify Eden Hill and foster stronger neighbourhood ties. To stay up to date with the latest Eden Hill CAN news and events, you can:

- » Join the mailing list by emailing edenhillcan@gmail.com
- » Like and follow the group on Facebook @EdenHillCAN
- » Check out their website www.edenhillcan.org.au



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Thank a Volunteer

Every year the Town pays tribute to our community volunteers and the contribution they make to our daily lives.

On 5 December 2020, in conjunction with Telethon Community Cinemas and 5000meals supported by the Department of Communities, the Town hosted a special movie night event at the Community Cinemas in Bassendean.

There is a strong culture of volunteering in our local community and now more than ever we celebrate the contributions of those who have given their time to keep services and activities running for those who needed them over the past year.



Mr Ben Mason OBE,
Mrs Mysie Schenk BEM,
and Mrs May O'Brien (Miller)
BEM, Government House,
Perth, 31 December 1977
Image sourced via State
Library of Western Australia

A Remarkable Woman May O'Brien BEM (1933-2020)

Bassendean resident, the late May Lorna O'Brien (nee Miller) became the first tertiary qualified Aboriginal teacher in the state and helped to shape Aboriginal education throughout her life. Born in Laverton, Western Australia, May was removed from her family when she was just five years old. She grew up at Mount Margaret Aboriginal Mission in the northern goldfields and it was here that she would begin her teaching career.

Twenty five years on, May moved into education policy, receiving the British Empire Medal in 1977 for work in Aboriginal education as well as the John Curtin Medal. In 1980, May was a delegate for Australia at the United Nations conference on Women, in Denmark. Five years later, May was appointed to the position of Superintendent of Aboriginal Education and was also involved with the Aboriginal Lands Trust in WA. In 1988, she retired from employment and in 2000 advocated for reconciliation to the Commonwealth Parliament for the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

May and her husband Jack (who died in October 2017) made their home at 80 Penzance St, Eden Hill in the mid-1970s. May remained interested in local issues, particularly library services and early education opportunities in the Bassendean district. Her Christian faith was important to her and she attended Bassendean Church of Christ. Although she and Jack were to have no children of their own she was a devoted aunty and a passionate advocate for children's rights all her adult life. Former Bassendean councillors recall her warmth and generosity. "She had an infectious chuckle and broad smile which endeared her to everyone."

In 2009, part of her life story was featured in the National Museum of Australia's exhibition From Little Things Big Things Grow: Fighting for Indigenous Rights 1920-1970.

"I grew up in the era when Aboriginal people were not allowed to go to public schools, because they had that old saying 'soothe the pillow of the dying Aboriginal people', because they're going to die off."

"We were very lucky at Mount Margaret. Even though the education department wasn't responsible for the education of Aboriginal children at that time, we had a mission school."

"One of the things they instilled in us was a love for reading, and they had a library there. And every Saturday we would go and change our library books with their stories, like 'Milly Molly Mandy', and stuff like that."

"It was so exciting, learning to read and that's where I realised the power of words and reading and to this day I still love reading."

May had to learn and speak English at the mission school, but never stopped speaking her own language, Wongutha, and in 1992 she published four bi-lingual story books for

children on traditional teaching stories. As an ambassador for numeracy and literacy, she remained involved in a wide range of community activities.

"I felt that I should write the legends from my dreamtime, the stories that the Grannies told us up in the sand hills around Edjudina sitting around the campfires listening to our stories."

After suffering with dementia for several years May O'Brien passed away on 1 March 2020. Following her death, the Western Australian Governor, Kim Beazley stated in July 2020,

"Aunty" is a title bestowed on senior women in the matrilineal character of Aboriginal society but I grew up calling her Aunty in the familial sense of the broader society. She and her then husband Jack were close friends of my parents and she stayed with us from time to time before she was married....She was full of love and without bitterness. She taught us all that we are privileged to share this land with the oldest civilisation on earth. One normally says on these occasions that we will not see her like again. Actually, we will. We will because she devoted herself to producing good articulate people who would stand up for themselves and their community."

Let's Celebrate Our Community Leaders Town of Bassendean Community Awards 2021

This is your opportunity to nominate individuals, community groups and businesses for their leadership in our community. Nominations will open from 1 February 2021 and can be lodged either on line at bassendean.wa.gov.au or by hard copy from Customer Service.

Key dates in 2021:

February 1	Nominations Open
March 16	Nominations Close
March/April	Nominations assessed
April	Finalists and winners notified and invited to the Community Awards Ceremony
May	The Town's Community Awards presented as part of the Citizenship Ceremony date to be confirmed will coincide with National Volunteer Week 2021 (Monday 17 – Sunday 23 May)

Nomination categories include:

Community Leadership Award

This award will be presented to a volunteer who has made a significant contribution to the local community. They will have demonstrated leadership on a community matter resulting in the enhancement of community life; have been involved in a significant initiative which has brought about positive change and added value to community life; and/or demonstrated inspiring qualities as a role model for the community.

Volunteer Organisation of the Year

This award will be presented to a local community group who significantly contributes to achieve partnerships within the community that build capacity, connection and sense of belonging, contributing to an empowered community.

Lifetime Contribution to Volunteering

This award will be presented in honour of a senior individual (65+ years) who has made an exemplary life-long contribution to volunteering and who through their volunteering has contributed to the betterment of the Town of Bassendean community.

Youth Achievement Award

Presented in celebration of an individual aged 12 – 25 years who has made an outstanding volunteering commitment; has been an exceptional role model; and/or has made significant achievements in the arts, sporting or academic fields.

Best Verge Award

Presented in recognition of an outstanding verge garden (or a collection of verge gardens on the same street) within the district, taking into account edible or native plants, water-wise design, and safe access.



"Bassendean Means Business" Award

Presented to a business operating within the district that has made a positive community impact, shown significant business agility, provided outstanding customer service or proactively contributed to environmental sustainability in their business practices and/or in the community.

Community Inclusion Award

Presented to a community group, club, business that has implemented a successful program or initiative that has facilitated the inclusion of diverse groups within the wider Bassendean community. This includes but is not limited to the initiatives that support the inclusion of mental health consumers, people with disability, Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders, CaLD communities, LGBTQIA and/or Seniors.



ANZAC Day & April Markets

Honouring the men and women who gave their lives in service to their country, our local RSL in conjunction with the Town of Bassendean is planning a commemorative service to be held at the Bassendean War Memorial on ANZAC Day.

Due to ANZAC Day falling on Sunday 25 April, the Markets will remain in the evening timeslot and be held from 4pm to 8pm on Saturday 24 April on Old Perth Road.

Creativity in Our Community

The **Bassendean Association for Creativity and Enterprise (BACE)** aims to enable communities to unlock and harness their creative capital. The group is hosting a series of events this year, which centre around three main objectives:

1. Imagination Liberation Sessions

Encouraging skill sharing and connection between people of different backgrounds and ages in a conversational, fun and relaxed way.

2. The Nautilus Project

Providing opportunities for people to learn how to harness their creativity, earn extra income and further develop their enterprise skills.

3. Frankly speaking

Inviting local experts and enigmas from the community to share their valuable experiences through a series of free talks hosted at local business venues.

The next Imagination Liberation sessions are being delivered in collaboration with the Town of Bassendean. Topics for Term 1 include knitting, songwriting, workshop designing and crafternoon tea. Tickets are \$10 and you can book online through the Town's website www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/community/community-services/relax-program

Local presenters for term 2 are currently being sought so if you would like to share a creative skill with the community please contact the BACE at hub4creatives@gmail.com

Finally, a new website to showcase local businesses and community groups will shortly be launched, so if you would like more information, please contact at the above email or via www.facebook.com/hub4creatives



What's Coming Up?

Date	Time	Location	Activity
Sat 6 March	6.45am 7.20am - Depart	Ashfield Reserve Car Park/ Volunteer Fire Truck (Coulston Street)	2021 Life Cycle for CanTeen Ride – Perth to Busselton
Wed 10 March	6pm – 7.30pm	Library – Meeting Room 1	Literary Salon: poetry with Bron Bateman <i>places limited</i>
Wed 17 March	10am – 11.30am	Community Hall, 48 Old Perth Road	International Women's Day Morning Tea <i>places limited</i>
Sat 27 March	4pm – 8pm	BIC Reserve	Old Perth Road Twilight Markets
Sat 24 April	4pm – 8pm	Old Perth Road	Old Perth Road Twilight Markets
Sun 25 April	11am	BIC Reserve	Anzac Day Service



Attracting Investment into Our Town Centre

Bassendean's town centre is 'ripe' for future investment

Strategically located on the train line, 15 kilometres from Perth's CBD, Bassendean's town centre is 'ripe' for future investment and development. Based upon extensive feedback throughout 2019, our community want a vibrant town centre together with enhanced green spaces.

More people living, working and recreating in and around Old Perth Road will create that 'vibrancy'.

In order to facilitate investment, development and stimulate economic activity in the Town, last year Council initiated the creation of a community led Town Centre Masterplan.

This provides the opportunity to enable a more integrated approach to planning in the town centre based upon an understanding of what the community wants and the components and settings needed to achieve this. To date there have been a number of focus group sessions and interviews with community members, developers and State Government, with an interest in and around the town centre. Council is committed to continuing engagement with the broader community to enable further opportunities to shape the future of our town centre and encourage participation. Opportunities to be involved will be promoted shortly.



New Playground and Jetty for Sandy Beach Reserve

The Town is delighted to announce that construction of the Sandy Beach nature-based playground and ablutions will commence in 2021.

The new nature playground is designed to allow children and adults to interact and enjoy the space together. Some of the special features include a flying fox, hive cubby, tree tower, timber steppers, accessible tee pee and more.

A new jetty will further complement these facilities thanks to the State Government. Collectively these improvements will enable our community to enjoy opportunities to recreate along the banks of the picturesque Swan River and natural surrounds.



New Access and Opportunities along Second Avenue

Planning for a new cycle path along Second Avenue will 'kick-off' later in 2021 following successfully securing grant funding from the Department of Transport, to be matched with a 50/50 contribution from the Town.

The concept plan will create a key north to south link from Morley Drive through to Railway Parade providing an important access route for residents to various community amenities including Eden Hill Primary School, Sparx Early Learning Centre, Mary Crescent Reserve, the Bassendean train station and a new 'living stream' running from Second Avenue to Fourth Avenue.

The proposed cycle path will further complement the east to west cycle path along the railway line and reinforce feedback from residents for a well-connected community.

Opportunities to participate in the design of the new bike path will be promoted later this year.

Planning for the Future of Jubilee Reserve

The development of a masterplan to create a multi-use, shared facility at Jubilee Reserve will begin shortly. Council recognise the facilities at the Reserve are dated and no longer reflective of the current and future needs of our community. Understanding how recreational interests are evolving and how different community groups can co-exist in order to maximise the use of a future facility on the Reserve will be an important focus of the project. Current sporting groups using Jubilee Reserve will be engaged through the planning process, in addition to the broader community.

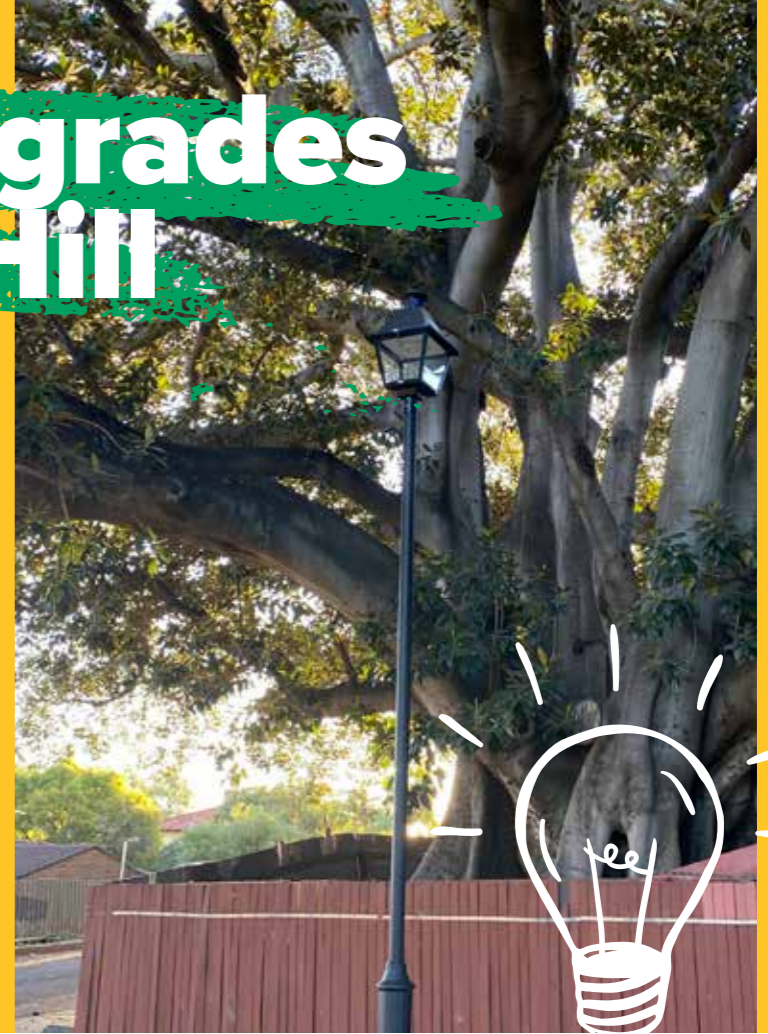


Lighting Upgrades in Success Hill South

New LED lighting along Thompson Road and Nurstead Avenue near the Success Hill train station have been recently installed. The new lighting upgrades will improve access to the train station.

The new LED lights have not only improved visibility for pedestrians on the footpath but also greatly reduced the energy requirements for street lighting.

Additional LED lighting upgrades will occur across Eden Hill and Bassendean as part of the upcoming Underground Power Project.



Putting People First in New Safe Active Street



You may have noticed a change along Whitfield Street of late. The Town was fortunate to be selected by the Department of Transport for the creation of a Safe Active Street. The new street scape is designed to provide safe walking and riding routes through the area to local destinations including Bassendean Primary School, local parks, shops, the river and future nature playground at Sandy Beach Reserve.

The concept of a Safe Active Street is to create quieter local roads and a safer environment while allowing movements in all directions for people on foot, bikes, scooters, in prams and on all forms of mobility assistance. The streets have a distinctive look and combine bicycle and vehicle traffic with a maximum speed limit of 30km/h. The aim is to make this street a route for local trips that are low stress, convenient and enjoyable for all.

Mayor Renée McLennan, explains "this is about creating an environment to prioritise people and not just cars. The new Safe Active Street makes it easier and safer to get to local places using an alternative to the car. The design features that slow

traffic make it safer for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy. Encouraging people to enjoy the street and connect with their neighbours, in addition to improving physical and mental health is a key outcome".

Additional trees and greenery are planted along the street to provide shade for street users and improve the overall visual appeal. The Town was fortunate to receive State Government funding to create the new amenity at a cost of \$1.56m.

Lookout for opportunities to experience the new Whitfield Safe Active Street over the coming months as the Town promotes different activities to increase awareness and encourage usage.



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Update on Underground Power



Western Power is in the final stages of awarding the contract for underground power across most of Eden Hill and the Bassendean area, north of the railway line. Works are now expected to commence in June. Whilst this represents a slight delay to the original timeframes, the benefits to be enjoyed are significant including:

- » improved power supply and a reduction in power outages
- » more attractive streetscapes and an improvement to house values
- » the ability to plant more trees to increase canopy cover and make our streets cooler



Maintaining 97 kms of Roads



Given the extensive road network across Bassendean, Eden Hill and Ashfield, the Town is reliant on State and Federal Government funding to maintain these to the required standard.

This year the Town has been successful in securing funding of \$342K to rehabilitate our road network. Over the next couple of months, upgrades will occur along:

- » Fifth Avenue – between Anzac Terrace and Esther Street
- » Railway Parade – Between Vincent Street and Jackson Street
- » Jackson St – Between Collier Road and Alice Street

All affected residents will be notified prior to the works commencing.

Future-Proofing Our Drainage Network

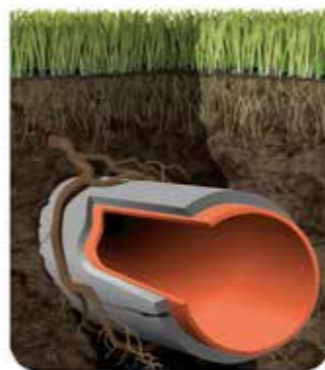
In 2021, the Town will be future-proofing our storm water drainage network, enabling current demand and future increased dwelling density to be addressed. Relining the pipes will not only increase pipe capacity by preventing root and debris infiltration, but also increase the life of the pipes by a further 100 years.

Works planned include Cyril Street, Nurstead Avenue, Hamilton Street and North Road. All affected residents will be notified prior to the works commencing.

BEFORE



AFTER



Collaborative Opportunity at Mary Crescent Reserve

The Our Park, Our Place project at Mary Crescent Reserve is a collaborative effort aimed at reconnecting people with nature in their neighbourhood by working with local residents to create cool green spaces.

An important step is consulting the nearby residents on what they think will most benefit the community. Drawing on the input received, Greening Australia, the Town of Bassendean and Eden Hill Community Action Network (CAN) are working together with the community on a draft concept plan for the reserve.

The draft design includes increasing native vegetation through habitat and verge plantings, realigning pathways for greater connectivity and transforming the sump in the middle of the reserve into a seasonal wetland. The focus of the 2021 on ground works will be the realignment of the path

between Second Ave and Gallagher Street, converting the sump area into a wetland and developing habitat gardens on the Gallagher Street corner of the reserve, thanks to funding from the Water Corporation. To further involve the community in the revitalisation of Mary Crescent Reserve, Greening Australia and the Town of Bassendean will be hosting a series of workshops and on ground activities at the reserve so community members can take the learnings from the project to apply in their own homes and gardens. For further information on the Mary Crescent 'Our Parks Our Place' project, head to the Town's website.



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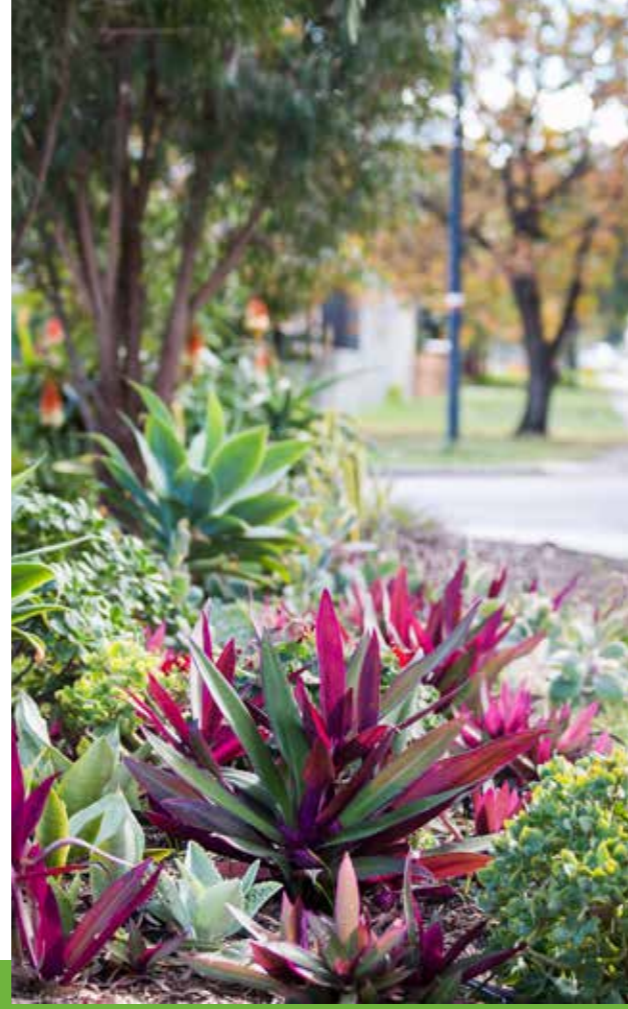


Design by Kerry O'Flaherty

Compostable liners for residents

To help you sort your waste, the Town provides compostable liners each year for residents. For residents who require more liners you can collect additional rolls from the Town's Customer Service Centre located at 35 Old Perth Road, Bassendean or the Bassendean

Memorial Library located at 46 Old Perth Road, Bassendean. Please remember to bring with you proof of address as these are provided to Town of Bassendean residents only. For more information, please contact the Town on 9377 8095.



Bassendean, EMRC and Grow It Local Spread the Good News on Food & Garden Waste

The benefits of diverting food and garden waste from landfill and converting it into a valuable organic resource that can be used to cultivate our own gardens is the focus of a new education campaign from the Town of Bassendean, the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) and community campaigners, Grow It Local.

The partnership aims to raise awareness of Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO), which separates FOGO material from other waste and is used to create organic compost. FOGO-derived material is returned to the soil and used to grow, share and enjoy homegrown food while, reducing organic waste and preventing harmful methane gas from reaching the atmosphere.

sustainable living behaviours, increasing the consumption of locally grown foods, supporting waste education and diverting organic waste from landfill.

An education campaign will be promoted through the year with a festival of free digital events, activities and experiences that will encourage a connection to nature, inspire positive health and wellbeing and help make growing food more accessible to residents.

“Grow It Local” enables residents to become active participants in the region’s circular waste economy by encouraging positive

For more information about how you can ‘grow it local’ please visit www.growitlocal.com.



Native Garden and Urban Cooling Opportunities

Several programs will be run by the Town of Bassendean in 2021 to aid residents in greening their properties and verges. Greening spaces provide several benefits to residents, including cooling houses (and reducing electricity bills), improving appearances and property values, contributing to not only our mental health but also increasing biodiversity in the suburbs. The programs will include:

Request a Street Tree

Residents can request a street tree through the Town’s annual tree planting program. Studies show that street trees can reduce the temperature by 8 degrees celsius through shade and transpiration, which can translate into a reduction of air-conditioner use by 12-15%. To request a street tree, please complete the form on the Town of Bassendean’s website or contact Customer Services on 9377 8095.

Verge Makeover Grants

The Town is commencing a verge grant program in 2021 where residents can apply for a rebate. If eligible, a rebate will be available to transform property verges into native verge gardens. The program will be launched in March 2021 and spaces will be limited. To register your interest, please phone Caitlyn on 9377 9026 or email on mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au

Mary Crescent Reserve Verge Makeover Program

The Town is seeking expressions of interest from residents for a pilot program looking into transforming verges along certain routes to help create biodiversity corridors or around specific landmarks. For the 2021 pilot program, the residents in the area surrounding Mary Crescent Reserve will be a key focus. The program will include the provision of plants and some verge preparation services, with the residents to complete the preparation, planting and maintenance of the verges. If you are interested in participating in this pilot program, please refer to the Town’s website to complete the EOI form.



Your Councillors



Cr. Renée McLennan
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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 our 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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