

Neighbourhood Watch

Senior Sergeant Matt McCaughey, the recently appointed Officer in Charge of Kiara Police Station, accepted an invitation to speak at a well-attended AshfieldCAN meeting on a recent Monday evening.

It was great to get to hear a man of obvious experience, enthusiasm and commitment to the community he and his officers care for, speak about a matter that concerns us all; community safety. For without feeling safe and secure our sense of community suffers as people are reluctant to venture out. This is why, as an experienced (retired) police officer, I feel it is so important to encourage participation in community groups and

events of all kinds, big and small, and support the Town of Bassendean in the organisation of events and festivals and the whole range of community clubs and groups, sporting or social. Getting to know your neighbours and others is so important to a healthy, secure community.

It was apparent that Senior Sergeant McCaughey has a very strong focus on community policing and a passion for leading crime prevention.

Interestingly, rather than confirm the belief held by many that crime is rampant, he quietly explained that whilst some forms of crime including stealing had risen slightly, overall crime had not increased in the Ashfield area, or in the rest of Bassendean.

He referred to the statistical data contained in over a decade of information held on the database of

WA Police Force Crime Statistics a website easily accessed and explored. Even our Ashfield has its own set of data. It's an interesting read.

Matt and others attending the meeting speculated that whilst social media is and will be a useful crime prevention tool now and into the future, we are still coming to terms with how best to adapt it to become more effective. He also spoke of the importance of adopting basic home security measure as most burglaries are still committed by offenders entering through unlocked doors and windows.

He emphasised the importance of the general police assistance number (131444) and how essential it is to report anything that appears suspicious; we should not hesitate and the report can be anonymous. The emergence of relatively inexpensive home security systems was important to him as a method of fighting crime. In particular he spoke of the usefulness of home CCTV footage being made available to police.

His visit concluded with an commitment to follow-up at the next meeting of AshfieldCAN by inviting the Manager of Neighbourhood Watch to our next meeting which will be held at the Ashfield Sports Club on Monday October 14th at 7pm.

Bob Brown



Senior Sergeant Matt McCaughey visits our AshfieldCAN meeting

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We're all looking forward to our Annual Dog's Breakfast. Come and join the fun!



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Woof!**

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AshfieldCAN AGM 14th October, 7pm Ashfield Sports Club



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From the desk of the CEO

Almost ten months into my new role as Chief Executive Officer for the Town of Bassendean, I can report that I am loving the opportunity of serving the community I grew up in. A third generation, Town of Bassendean girl, I enjoyed growing up swimming, canoeing and sailing in the river near Ashfield Parade and the Old Boat Shed (no longer) in Pickering Park where being part of the 1st Bassendean Venturers was a big part of my life.

Since arriving as the CEO, I've immersed myself into the environment and tried to get out and meet as many of the locals as possible. Additionally, working in a new organisation and forging an effective working relationship with Council has also been important to ensure the administration are aligned to community aspirations and Council's priorities.

Since commencing, I have focused my efforts on understanding the operating environment and making some structural changes to set up the Administration to better respond to the community and Council into the future. Having the right leadership team is important - in this regard, I am in the middle of recruiting my top team whilst also making some internal changes as to how we operate.

Better understanding our community, their aspirations and goals for the future has been a major theme. "BassenDream Our Future" which has been running for about 5 months is designed to ensure we understand what's important to our community so that we can represent this in terms of future planning, development and amenity.

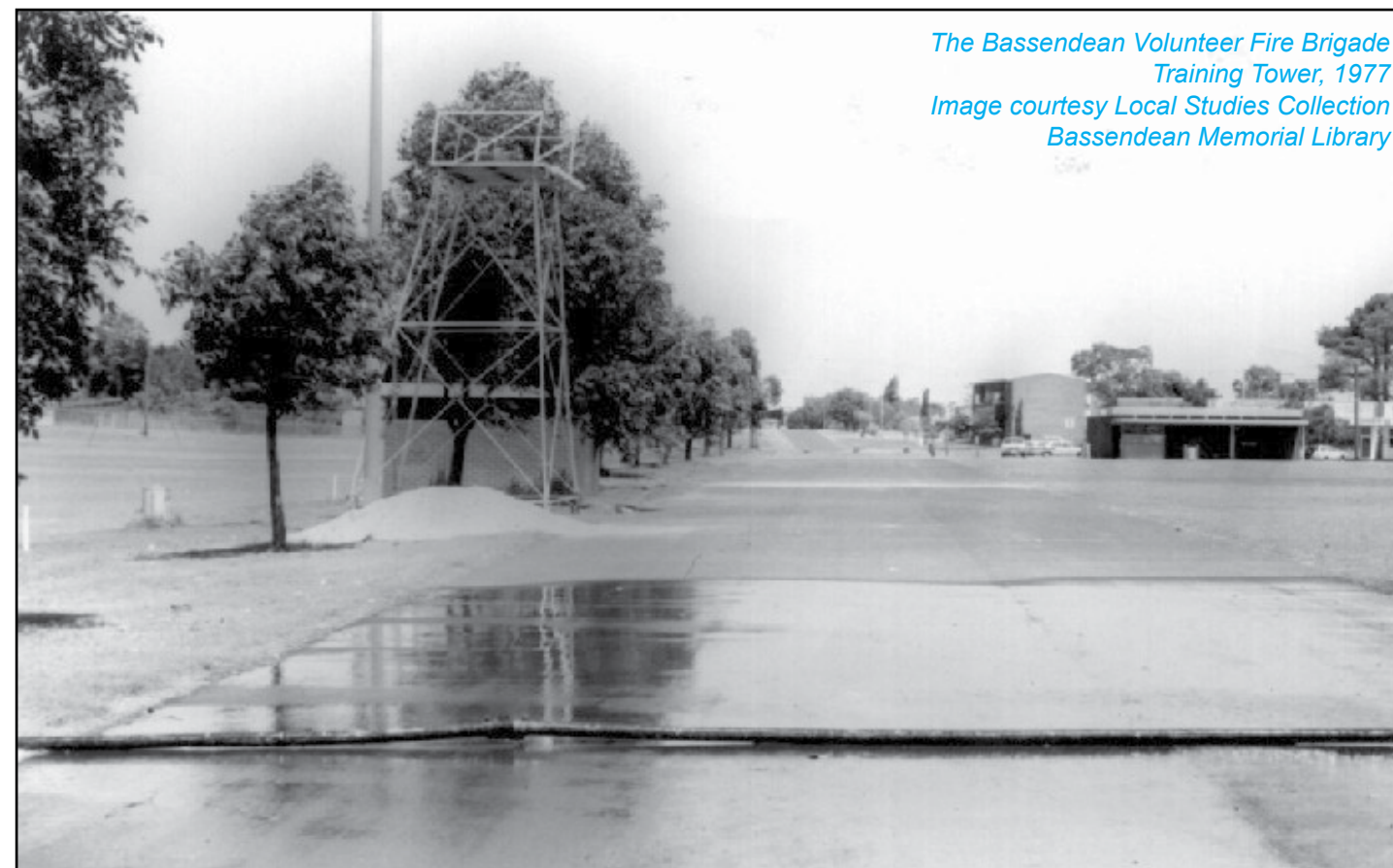
At the Town we have also been focusing on building the capacity of our people to better engage with our community. We are also really fortunate that we have some very talented and passionate community groups, like AshfieldCAN. The Town is keen to develop better ways that we can harness these strengths by empowering such groups. Recently we have been working on a new policy framework to support a broader range of grants and sponsorships for community groups. This is a key change and I'd be pleased to come and meet with AshfieldCAN in the coming weeks to better understand your aspirations and discuss how we may be able to further build on our relationship.

Peta Mabbs

Town of Bassendean CEO

AshfieldCAN AGM

14th October, 7pm
Ashfield Sports Club
cnr Haig St. and Colstoun Rd.



The Bassendean Volunteer Fire Brigade
Training Tower, 1977
Image courtesy Local Studies Collection
Bassendean Memorial Library

Lookout Update

Slowly, inexorably we are moving to create a wonderful, peaceful contemplative park and wildlife observation platform on the border between Ashfield and Bassendean on Hardy Road, sitting on the escarpment overlooking Ashfield Fats, a wetland reputed to be the largest of its kind remaining on the Swan River and once earmarked as a residential canal development. What were they thinking!

The Lookout project, instigated by AshfieldCAN is moving from concept to reality with recognition by the totally supportive WA Department of Planning (in whom the land is currently vested) and the Town of Bassendean that the area will eventually become part of the portfolio of Parks and Gardens owned and managed by the Town. To this end the Town's Jeremy Walker is developing a management plan which should be the final step, enabling the release of grant funds provide by our local MP Dave Kelly.

This final phase follows a recent unanimous decision by Council to support AshfieldCAN and the community in achieving a park which meets the need for more public open space.

Bob Brown

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Dave Kelly Message

NAIDOC Week has become an important part of Australia's culture and has become an integral part of the path to reconciliation. In July I attended NAIDOC celebrations at Ashfield Reserve. This fantastic event is organised by the Town of Bassendean with the assistance of a Lotterywest grant. Each year NAIDOC celebrations at Ashfield Reserve grow bigger, and it has become one of the largest NAIDOC celebrations I have attended.

The Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions is currently undertaking a hydrological study of the Ashfield Flats to better understand the hydrology and floristics of the area. The findings of the study will assist in determining a management and restoration plan of the Ashfield Flats and river foreshore.

As part of the hydrological study, the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions will look at flora and vegetation on the Ashfield Flats, which should provide information on the status of the threatened environmental community, weed mapping in the area and the health of the native vegetation at Ashfield Flats. Best Wishes.

Dave Kelly
State Labor MP for Bassendean

Our website is currently getting a makeover and will be back online soon! In the meantime check us out on facebook,



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President's Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the AshfieldCAN family fun day on the 18th of May at Gary Blanch Park, it was a great afternoon and I would like to thank those who helped to bring the day together and in particular Emma Slavin for facilitating the seed planting with a small army of children, Gary Blanch Park is a wonderful asset to our suburb.

With the end of winter almost upon us we are looking forward to welcoming spring by hosting the annual dogs breakfast event at Sandy Beach Reserve we hope you can join us on the 15th of September. During the August general meeting AshfieldCAN was lucky enough to have Senior Sgt Matt McCaughey from Kiara Police station join us to discuss the district's strategy to address crime within the town of Bassendean and discuss crime prevention strategies as well as how AshfieldCAN can further engage with the WA police community engagement team. I would like to again thank Senior Sgt McCaughey for making the time to join us, it was appreciated by all those who attended.

We are currently updating the AshfieldCAN website to make the browsing experience more user friendly and update and refresh content, and also link news and events happening within the town of Bassendean.

Also Local Government elections for the Town of Bassendean are upcoming on the 19th of October and I encourage people who wish to have a say in governance of the town of Bassendean to participate by voting.

I look forward to seeing you soon at the Dog's Breakfast as we welcome spring, I also encourage anyone who would like to get involved to come along to the next AshfieldCAN general meeting at the Ashfield Sports Club, our next meeting is scheduled for Monday the 14th of October at 7pm.

Simon Perree
AshfieldCAN President



We're all looking forward to our Annual Dog's Breakfast. Come and join the fun!

Sunday
September 15
8.30am



"BassenDream Our Future"

Thanks to everyone that attended the Ashfield "Mobile Ideas Hub" and contributed ideas to shape the future of your local neighbourhood. We've been gathering the community's thoughts to understand what kind of place you want your suburb to be in the years ahead and by October we should have together created a new vision for Ashfield. This will be followed by the development of a new local planning strategy, scheme and community strategic plan. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to participate come down to the Ideas Hub on Old Perth Road and have a play with our interactive models or jump online and complete a survey or poll. The consultation will be open until September 14th.

www.yoursay.bassendean.wa.gov.au/bassendream-our-future

One Planet Living

Sustainability is a key theme that the community has identified as a priority for our Town. In response, the Town of Bassendean has recently adopted the ten "One Planet Living" principles as a framework to guide how we operate and to ensure environmental, economic and social sustainability is central to all that we do. The ten principles aim to help

create a future for our community where it is easy, attractive and affordable for people to lead happy and healthy lives within a fair share of earth's resources. The Town is only the second local government in Western Australia to make this commitment.

Ashfield Station Train Services & Carpark

The Public Transport Authority (PTA) has recently made changes to the train stopping patterns on the Midland line. The A & B stopping patterns have been abolished and all trains now stop at Ashfield Station. In addition, the PTA is also planning to construct a new 88 bay car park on the northern side of the Ashfield station accessed from Railway Parade. The carpark is being prioritised in order to replace the loss of car bays at Bayswater station as part of the station redevelopment. Council has requested that the new car park be landscaped with large shade trees at a ratio of at least one tree to every four car bays.

Local Government Elections

The next local government election is being conducted on October 19. If you're not yet on the electoral roll for the Town of Bassendean, you have until the 30th of August to register (www.elections.wa.gov.au/enrol/enrol-vote). The election will be conducted by postal vote with ballot papers being sent to all residents and rate-payers who are enrolled to vote.

The Town of Bassendean has seven elected members and there is no ward structure. Councillors are each elected for four years, with terms being staggered. This election four positions will be vacated and the community will have the opportunity to elect four Councillors to represent them. The decisions of local government directly impact you, the place you live and your community so make sure that you vote and have your say in the kind of leadership you want for Ashfield and the Town more broadly.

Renée McLennan - Mayor
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Thank you Verna

AshfieldCAN would like to take this opportunity to thank a long-standing member of our group for her tireless contribution to making our community safer. Verna Schreuders was our Suburb Manager for Neighbourhood Watch over the past ten years, and her role was to work with the local police and the community to reduce crime. Recently she reluctantly resigned from her position to spend more time looking after her family.

Verna provided information at meetings and AshfieldCAN community events such as fun days, the Dog's Breakfast, Garage Sale Trail and other special projects distributing brochures and talking to residents about getting to know your neighbours, being alert to suspicious activity, keeping your valuables secure and out of sight, thus reducing preventable crime.

She was a point of contact for Neighbourhood Watch and residents could email her to join or acquire information on keeping their homes and belongings secure.

Verna we will miss your happy face and that of your husband Bart, greeting residents at our events and wish you all the best for the years ahead. Thank you again from the whole community.

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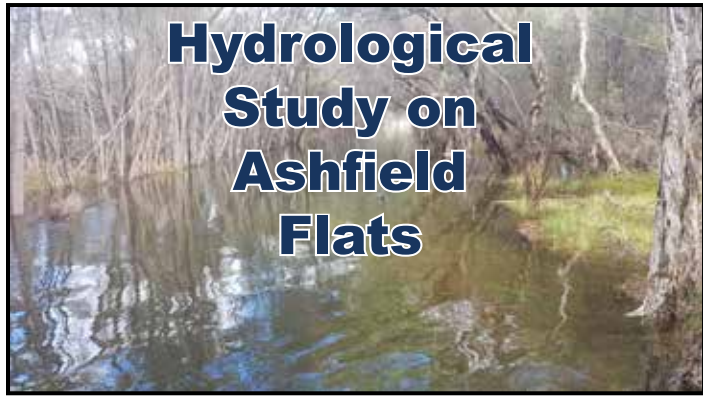
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Hydrological Study on Ashfield Flats

which is essential information to better manage the area going forward. I was fortunate enough to be on site during the spring tide earlier this year when the whole wetland filled from the Swan River near Ron Cortney Island, spilling its banks and flooding all the way to just below the pumping station at Iveson Place.

Nothing beats being there to change your ideas about how the hydrology works. I've also sat out in the rain sampling runoff in the Chapman Street drain collecting naturally occurring water isotopes so we can disentangle the groundwater and road runoff contributions to its flow. If you're game you might see me out there again over the coming weeks.

Dr Gavan McGrath, Research hydrologist at the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions.



I would like to start off this update by thanking the dozens of interested passers-by I met over the last few months who took the time to say hello and share their memories about the Flats. It's clear there's a lot of passionate locals who love their wetland.

Since February I've conducted geophysics surveys and installed a surface water and groundwater monitoring infrastructure so we can gauge water levels. Those yellow posts you might have seen around the place are groundwater monitoring wells.

With students from UWA we mapped out the metals and nutrient concentrations of drain sediments and more recently started to test the quality of groundwater and stormwater in the Chapman Street Drain.

This testing is helping us to work out the levels of contamination and identify management strategies that could be employed to reduce the loads of polluted runoff entering the Swan River. Its also giving indications about how water flows through the wetland to the Swan River

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River Parks Committee Update

Success Hill Spillway and Aboriginal Engagement

The Town of Bassendean has recently sent letters to aboriginal stakeholders inviting them to be involved in the development of a solution to the issues faced at Success Hill Reserve, in particular the collapsed spillway and degraded historical signs and shelters. The Town also recognises the importance of building positive partnerships with aboriginal communities so moving forward the Town is planning to create an advisory group comprised of local aboriginal people and Town staff with a long-term view and focus on building sustainable relationship. This group will be set the task of reviewing the Town's Reconciliation Action Plan.

Bindaring Park Wetland

At the 7 May 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to support Concept Option 1 for the Bindaring Park Wetland to be advertised for public comment after some minor amendments are undertaken. Officers have completed the amendments and are now in the process of developing a community engagement plan. Following community engagement on the concept, a report will be presented to Council on the feedback received from the community.

Melissa Mykytiuk

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CREATING EROSION

We hope to be able to report some more developments on the installation of camera surveillance in the near future.

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