



Ashfield Community Action Network

President's Report

April 2025

We experienced the first Autumn fog last week. Although delayed by warm weather the season is changing and is a welcome relief.

The mosquitoes continue to be more than just a nuisance, having altered our amenity and enjoyment of outdoor life and its profound health benefits. Worryingly, the prolonged plague is affecting our reputation as a healthy place to live.

We will follow the Council's promised action on this, to ensure accountability.

During this past month, in my absence, Rod, our Vice President attended a meeting with Cameron Woods, the CEO of the Town of Bassendean. Rod tells me the primary focus was the Ashfield Flats Master Plan and the need to preserve the grant. In this we agree and therefore will likely allow matters to run their course and provide input when it is called for.

Once again, we will follow the Town's documented assurances on this, in the lead-up to the Council elections in October, to ensure accountability, which is all we ask.

The Town has responded to our need to return the Lookout Park to its function of being a public, community lookout, the only such place in our Town. They have commenced trimming and removal of shrubs and saplings, which will provide us with the opportunity to replaced them with magnificent native shrubs, when the weather is suitable for planting. I will meet onsite today with the Town's representative to gain a better understanding of the completed work.

We will again host the forthcoming ANZAC Dawn Serve. To this end, I met with the President and members of the Bassendean RSL who are enthusiastic about AshfieldCAN hosting the event and, if the chance arises, some of their members may join us, however they are extremely busy supporting Dawn Services in Bayswater and Guildford. Our Lucy is taking a lead role in making sure things run smoothly, and we will support her in this.

The recent Sundowner was again a success, bringing the community together at the Sports Club, to enjoy fellowship and a meal, washed down with a drink from the bar. A meat tray, hugely discounted by our local butcher 'Jake', was a delightful feature of the event and was won by the well-deserving Kate. Thanks Patricia, for introducing this 'gatho' and the organisation of it.



Last week I received a phone call from a representative of the Government department charged with distributing the grant offered by our Dave Kelly, for the purchase and installation of park fitness equipment. I was advised that formal arrangements are pending and will likely be finalised come July, the new financial year. The grant is sufficient for the purchase and installation of the equipment. All that will be required of us is coordination with the Town. In this we don't foresee any problems provided we are communicating and abiding by their needs.

To committee and other friends, thanks for your ongoing support as we continue to promote Ashfield (and Bassendean) as a wonderful, healthy and vibrant place to live.

Bob Brown

President

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