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Residents are reminded to secure their valuables if left in cars. Ensure your car is locked when you leave it. When shopping don't leave your bag in the trolley. It is too easy for thieves to snatch it along with the contents such as money, credit cards, phone and wallet. Even when you are at home ensure that your valuables, cards, etc. are safely out of sight.

Police advise that credit card fraud is on the increase, so don't be complacent even when at home. Be sensible.

Upcoming AshfieldCAN meetings
7pm, Ashfield Sports Club

April 30th, June 18th, July 23rd
August 20th, September 17th 2018 AGM

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Ashfield Flats Lookout

Saturday 28th April, 1-3pm

Lookout Site

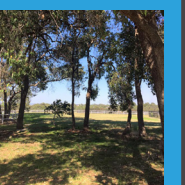
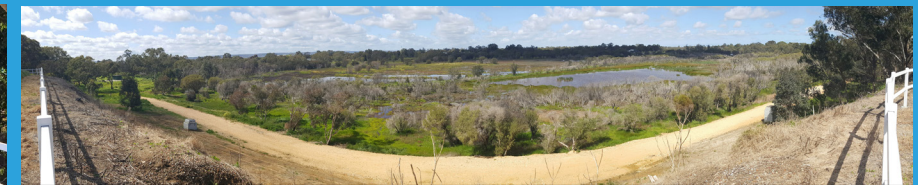
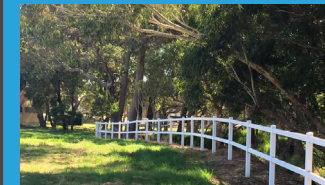
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**Community Consultation
& Design Session**

For full story see Pg 3.



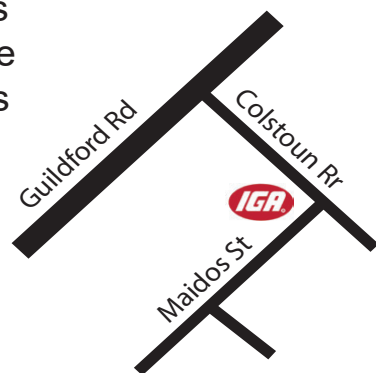
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President's Report March 2018

It is interesting to look back over the years to see
what we have achieved as a Community Group.

Often, we start on a project as a response to feedback
from the Community about an issue.

The way forward is not often clear at the beginning but
by providing a forum for people to talk about the issue we
gain a better understanding of the issue and then look for
positive solutions as to how to improve the situation.

Benches Built

An early AshfieldCAN example was the benches on the
foreshore of Ashfield Parade. This all started when a bench
was removed because it was old and unsafe and left a
small group of local residents without a regular meeting
place. They used to meet there to chat every afternoon.
Something that was very important to them. There were
no Council funds at the time to replace the bench and so
the AshfieldCAN was lucky enough to win some funding to
create three benches as a community project.

Reserve Redeveloped

Bigger projects have followed such as The Gary Blanch
Reserve redevelopment –this was also a project that was
developed from local residents' speaking up and wanting
to see improvement in the park. Again, when we started
there was no grand plan but through discussion and by
embracing the fabulous variety of skill we have in our
community we managed to come up with a plan and a
great result.

Forums Now Functional

The River Forums and Citizen Science ventures have
also been a response to the great concern people hold for
the River and Ashfield Flats. Big and complex issues need
a lot of discussion to find a way forward and a lot of good
will from a lot of different people.

With the formation of the River Parks Committee and
the announcement that the WAPC has developed a draft
management plan for the area we believe these are huge
steps forward into securing a better outcome for the
Ashfield Flats. This is a project that is well beyond the
scope of the AshfieldCAN but we can feel proud that we
have been heard and have helped be the catalyst for this
progress.

Lookout for your Lookout

We look forward to now starting on our next project – The
Lookout over Ashfield Flats. Again, we will be seeking
response from the community before we design the detail
and hope you would like to join us for the process.

Other issues have arisen such as the Ashfield Reserve
and in response to that we are holding a small forum to
better understand the views of the community. Through
this initial discussion we hope to hear some positive ideas
about how people see the future of the space.

As a community I believe it is important to be on the front
foot about what we would like to see happen in our own
area. This will only benefit us because it leaves us with the
possibility that our ideas may be heard and respected as
being a positive way forward.

Lucy Bromell

President AshfieldCAN

The Story of the Gary Blanch Reserve Redevelopment

**Gary Blanch Reserve was once a forgotten
strip of struggling lawn with a few pieces
of old play equipment that was barely used.**

Now it is a thriving community park.

AshfieldCAN led the project in partnership with the
Town of Bassendean. From 2012 onwards we held a
number of events in the park including BBQs, Family
Days and Everlasting Plantings. These were to raise
the profile of the park and start the conversation with
our community about what might be possible. We then
hosted community consultation sessions to create a
design we were all happy with.

Once the works began we organised planting days
with local people and Ashfield Primary School. Now
the park is enjoyed by people of all ages on a daily
basis. As a community we should all be very proud of
what we achieved and would love to invite you all to
enjoy our park when we host our Family Fun Day.



Before the redevelopment - some early events in 2013

Family Fun Day

Gary Blanch Reserve
Saturday 5th May 1 - 4 pm
Free Activities for everyone

Thank you AshfieldCAN

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ashfield
residents for the support you have provided to me
during my time as Mayor of the Town of Bassendean.
It is pleasing to see over my time as Mayor, Ashfield CAN
establish itself and grow as one of the key community
stakeholder groups within our town.

The work of AshfieldCAN and all the volunteers and
residents cannot be understated. The great contribution
that you have made to our town be it through events,
art, community projects or key stakeholder meetings,
has made Ashfield a truly better place for it.

Over my time as Mayor, I'm proud to have been involved
in working with the Council to implement a number of
key projects for Ashfield including the undergrounding
of power, river foreshore restoration works, a new
district playground, new toilets and continuous funding
for AshfieldCAN to ensure the ongoing community
enhancement of the area.

In closing I would again like to thank all of the Ashfield
residents' and AshfieldCAN for their support and wish
the new Mayor Renee McLennan, Ashfield's own
Deputy Mayor Bob Brown and Council all the very best
for the years ahead.

Kind regards Cr. John Gangell

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Ashfield Primary School Gains Grants

Ashfield Primary School was lucky enough to be awarded grants from the State Government last year for the enclosure of the undercover area and an outdoor nature classroom. We are glad to say that we now have an enclosed undercover area, and outdoor classroom!

The undercover area has been fitted with roller doors and a back wall. The concrete stage has been removed and the concrete flooring renovated, to increase the floor space for indoor sports. We also now have a large lockable storeroom.

Now that we have an enclosed undercover area the school will be able to use this space in all weather and there will be potential for use outside of school hours. As with all projects the final touches always extend the budget. The school would love to install air-conditioning, a sound system and

projector, and purchase a portable stage system. The School P&C will be looking in to funding opportunities for this, and we are also able to accept tax deductible donations for this project. If anyone from our Ashfield community knows of anyone who would like to donate their skills, second hand equipment etc, we would be very grateful.

The P&C is focusing on Road safety and awareness for our school students. This year we are funding a whole school excursion to the Constable Care Safety School in Maylands, with the help of a generous donation from Mr Dave Kelly MLA our local MP. Children do not have the awareness of risks that adults do, due to their cognitive development, which is why they do not always obey road rules. We support children being active, which includes walking and riding to school. The P&C has been asked by the school to survey traffic and pedestrian movement around the school for a road management plan. Please remind your children to always wear a helmet and that it is safer to ride on

footpaths than on the roads. A reminder to parents to slow down when driving in Ashfield and look out for pedestrians and cyclists, especially before 9am and after 2:30 pm when our kids will be on the streets.

Numbers are increasing at the school and we have a large intake of Kindy students this year. This enabled the school to create an additional class. If parents are thinking of sending their children to Ashfield Primary School please contact Mr Christiaan Moir or Mrs Jan Lepere at the front office for a tour and information about the school.

The school is going from strength to strength under the leadership of Mr Christiaan Moir who was appointed as the School Principal in 2017, with full support from the staff, School Council and P&C. The School P&C are looking forward to working with Mr Moir to raise money and help organise busy bees etc to help improve the school environment, to create a safe and happy place of learning for our lovely students.

Chantelle Colquhoun
President APS P&C 2018



Letter to the Editor

At the last AshfieldCAN meeting I spoke as a committee member about my recent decision as a Councillor to not support the complete secession of dialog with the Government and the proponents of a soccer centre proposed to be situated at Ashfield Reserve. My

simple belief is that to do so 'cuts off the nose to spite the face', to quote a saying. The clumsy 'land grab' proposal just prior to the last State election was ill-considered and rightly rejected. But, the question still remains, 'What level of development, if any, is appropriate for our reserve?' Consequently I have spoken to the President

of AshfieldCAN and suggested a facilitated, respectful forum at which people with views on the future of Ashfield Reserve can be heard. Our President agreed and will organise such an event.

I look forward to putting my personal view and listening to the ideas of others.

Cr. Bob Brown

**Monday
30th of April
8pm**

**FUTURE
VISIONS**

**Ashfield Sports Club
Corner of
Colstoun Rd
and Haig St**

We believe community voices should be heard. Ashfield Reserve is a significant local asset and currently a large public open space. We welcome your contributions as we discuss possible future directions for the Ashfield Reserve.

ASHFIELD RESERVE

Ashfield Flats Lookout gets the Green Light



Drone View over the Ashfield Flats showing Lookout location

Lookout for the Lookout

We are excited that we can finally get underway with the Lookout Project.

As you know we received a grant of \$30,000 through our local member, Dave Kelly (Local Projects Local Jobs) to start this project some time ago. It has taken longer to get the initial approvals to start the project than was first anticipated. The way is now looking clear to start the community consultation as to what this lookout is going to look like. This project is likely to be completed in stages with the construction of the Lookout being the first stage followed by developing the space around it.

Please join us at the Community Consultation as we look forward to hearing your views.



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EARLY MORNING BIRD WALK

We had our first event this year with our early morning bird walk. Unfortunately the weather wasn't kind to us with a very strong Easterly breeze keeping most of our waterbirds away. We did however see a splendid wren and a lot of smaller birds around the back of Ashfield Flats.

We have noticed wonderful photographer Alan Brumley down at Ashfield Flats often taking great bird photos. He often posts them on facebook on the 6054 facebook page. So take a look and you will be amazed how many birds you can see down here. Local resident Jan Addison says she has seen over 80 different species down here so there is plenty to be seen!



Dave Kelly Supporting AshfieldCAN

The McGowan government is investing in Ashfield. Ashfield Primary School is among the first 100 primary schools in WA to be funded for a dedicated science lab. Science labs for primary schools is part of the McGowan government's commitment to encourage students to study STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Ashfield Primary has also received \$135,000 additional funding to refurbish their undercover area and to build a new nature playground.

Thank you to the P&C and Principal who have worked hard to deliver these projects.

AshfieldCAN will receive a grant of \$30,000 to build a 'lookout' over the Ashfield Flats with seating and a shelter. Congratulations to everyone involved with AshfieldCAN for proposing this project that will be enjoyed by the local community for many years.

If you have an interesting story on the history of Ashfield that you would like to submit for consideration in the next newsletter please contact Dave on 0428 244 480

Message from our new Mayor

The Town of Bassendean has welcomed an enthusiastic new Council following the October 2018 local government election. An additional Council position was approved by the Minister taking the total number of Councillors for the Town from six to seven. As Councillor terms are staggered, four of these seven positions were contested in October, with all four being filled by new Councillors (Melissa Mykytiuk, Jai Wilson, Sarah Quinton & Kath Hamilton).

In addition to significant changes in the configuration of your Council there will soon be new leadership of the Town's administration with the CEO, Bob Jarvis, announcing he will not be seeking extension of his contract when it expires in January 2019. Therefore, a priority in the coming months is recruiting someone to fill this role who will help us to move towards the community's vision for our Town.

Another focus is strategic planning in response to the state government's newly released planning document "Perth & Peel at 3.5 Million". This framework defines the urban form for the next 30 years, aims to limit unsustainable urban sprawl and encourage greater housing diversity to meet changing community needs. The Town of Bassendean must now respond with local planning that achieves the State's purposes for the suburbs of Ashfield, Bassendean & Eden Hill but do so in a way that is acceptable to those who call these suburbs home. The challenge we have as a community is finding the right balance between developing for the future and preserving the unique character of our area. In order to get this balance right Council will need community input to identify what you value about where you live and what you want to see the Town of Bassendean to look like in the future. Myself and my fellow Councillors welcome you to contact us to share your vision and encourage you to look out for the upcoming opportunities to help us build the Bassendean we want for tomorrow.

Renée McLennan - Mayor

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River Parks Committee

River Parks Committee Meeting Update

The first River Parks Committee (RPC) since the new Council was elected in October was held on the 6 February. I am delighted to have been elected as Presiding Member with Cr Bob Brown elected as Deputy.

Enhancing and conserving our natural environment is something I am really passionate about. Preserving these spaces provides habitat, clean air and water and beautiful places to recreate which promotes physical and mental health and builds a sense of community.

The (BRPMC) is essential in achieving these outcomes and brings together stakeholders that are responsible for managing our natural areas including Councillors, staff and members of our community as well as representatives from the Department of Biodiversity and Conservation (DBCA), the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, the Department of Water and the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES).

Ashfield Flats Reserve – Land Management

The Council and the community have long advocated for a single landholder to be responsible for the care and protection of the Ashfield Flats. It is anticipated that in the interim this will primarily be the Department of Planning, Lands & Heritage (DPLH) which the WA Planning Commission (WAPC) is part of. At the last meeting they tabled a works programme from 2018 to 2023 and are in the process of consulting with the community. Key components of the program include, remediation of eroded areas along the foreshore, continued revegetation and realignment of the pathways and benches within the tidal zone and investigating the option of restoring the hydrology of the area to its original state. A review of dog on and off lead areas will also take place to protect sensitive areas. Interpretive signage will be installed to keep the public up to date with the progress of the improvements.

AshfieldCAN Events for 2018

These are our proposed events for 2018, some still have details to be confirmed, but pencil them in your diaries now and we will keep you updated throughout the year.

28th April - Lookout Community Consultation

Lookout site, Hardy Rd, 1-3pm

30th April - Future Visions for Ashfield Reserve

Ashfield Sports Club, 8pm

5th May - Family Fun Day

Gary Blanch Reserve, 1-4pm

20th July - Frog Stalk

Ashfield Flats

10th August - Yarning History Evening

Ashfield Sports Club

September - Aboriginal Story Telling

Sandy Beach Reserve.

23rd September - Dog's Breakfast

Sandy Beach Reserve.

20th or 21st October - Garage Sale Trail

5th Dec - Christmas Party

Gary Blanch Reserve

The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation & Attractions have identified grant funding and are working with the DPLH on opportunities to further control weeds and improve the hydrology of the area.

Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan

The Town of Bassendean, in partnership with the WAPC and the former Swan River Trust now DBCA is revising the Bassendean Foreshore Precinct Plan. Once finalised the plan will provide strategic direction by identifying key activity nodes, corridors, access points and topographical features, supported by a series of specific actions and recommendations.

It is expected that all future land use, subdivision, development and civic design proposals in the Bassendean Foreshore Precinct will take into account the recommendations of the Precinct Plan. After feedback from the Town and DBCA and the BRPMC has been received the plan will go out for broader public comment. The Plan will go to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) for preliminary comment. The Plan will be presented to the Bassendean Council in August 2018 for endorsement. After which, DBCA and DPLH can endorse the Plan.

For a more detailed summary of the meeting please refer to the minutes. There has also been some discussion of forming a Friends of Ashfield Flats Group. If you are interested in being part of restoring and protecting this iconic wetland or if you have any suggestions please feel free to get in contact with me.

Cr. Mel Mykytiuk

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