



Ashfield Sports Club Notes

2015 Ashfield Junior Academy Trial Registration

Expression of interest is sought for the 2015 Ashfield Academy Program trials. The trials will be overseen by Technical Director Dan Evans (A license*) and assistant Richard Changadzo (B license*) in conjunction with Head Coach Paul Dundo (C license*) and assistant Terry Goddard (B license). To confirm trial registration please email trials@ashfieldsportsclub.com.au with an expression of interest by November 10.

Please include: Full Name, DOB, Phone, Email, Guardian Name, Previous Club Trials Dates: November 11, 13, 18, 20 at 5pm Ashfield Reserve.

*Coaches are completing their respective courses

Glory girls Six from Six

Saturday, October 18, 2014 Perth Glory extended their lead at the top of the Westfield W-League to five points with a hard fought 1-0 win over Sydney FC at Ashfield Sports Club.

The deadlock was broken in the 51st minute with a bullet straight into the top corner from Glory's Marianna Tabain following a short corner.

Glory midfielder Caitlin Foord was delighted to have extended to six victories the club's record start to the season, particularly as the latest win came against her former club.

"It was very weird, to be honest," she said of playing against Sydney for the first time. "I was obviously more nervous for this game than any of the others but I'm just glad we got the win."

The first half presented very few clear cut chances with Glory edging the play and flashing a handful of shots at goal, the majority of which failed to trouble Sydney keeper Casey Dumont.

Glory's best chance of the first half came as Gabe Marzano slotted Tabain in on goal but she put her shot comfortably within Dumont's reach.

Dumont's game was cut short in the second half after receiving a second knock in a challenge from a corner, which seemed to further aggravate an injury she had picked up in the first half.

Sydney fought back and threatened for extended periods of the second half, and looked particularly strong with forward runs from Jasmyne Spencer.

Spencer came close to equalising as she stretched to reach a low diagonal cross, which almost snuck in at the back post even without her reaching it.

Sydney were unlucky not to find the net as Amy Harrison found herself one on one with Glory keeper Mackenzie Arnold, who pulled off a brilliant save to keep Glory in the lead.

Glory continued to threaten late on but ultimately were happy to hold onto the 1-0 lead and held the ball in the corner to eat up the clock and grind out a hard fought win.

The result leaves Perth as the only unbeaten side in the W-League. Sydney stayed second on the table.

Sat 08 Nov 2014, 03:00PM

Ashfield Sports Club

Perth Glory Women v Newcastle Jets Women

Sat 15 Nov 2014, 03:00PM

Ashfield Sports Club

Perth Glory Women v Western Sydney Wanderers

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River Foreshore Action Meeting with Donna Faragher MLC



Dave Love, Donna Faragher, Lucy Bromell. picture by Connie Bromell

On 30th September Dave Love and myself met with Donna Faragher to show her first hand the Ashfield Flats foreshore area and the wetlands which are a Bush Forever site.

We welcomed her interest and obvious knowledge on the various issues.

She agreed that this concern needed to be taken further and has pushed for a meeting with John Day, The Minister for Planning's office and staff from the Western Australian Planning Commission.

As the WAPC is the landowner, it appears to be a pretty critical

step into finding a solution to getting better management of the area and a plan to deal with some of the issues that have been identified on the Ashfield Flats.

We are hopeful for a meeting in mid November to share our views with representatives from these Departments.

I am still convinced that the area needs a substantial management plan as the management of the area seems to be very disjointed at best and a lot of issues are not being addressed or just ignored.

Erosion is getting worse, amenity is being lost and the wetland area is degrading.

As the wetland area is a 'Bush forever' site that has been identified as being significant as a wetland, then surely it demands to be looked after and preserved. We cannot afford to let this area degrade completely.

Hopefully these will be steps in the right direction for getting a better outcome for the area.

Lucy Bromell

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Presidents Annual report continued

None of this could have been achieved without the significant support of the Town of Bassendean Council. They have supported the project financially and had worked incredibly hard to help make the vision a reality. Special thanks goes to Town Engineer, Ben Moore and his team for their efforts and enthusiasm. It has been great to talk to Council Workers and see how much enthusiasm they have had for the project.

We are also incredibly thankful for the support of the Swan Valley Rotary through the Bassendean Markets project with their \$10,000 contribution.

The other major project we have taken on this year is highlighting the concerns of the Ashfield Flats and environs. This is going to be an ongoing battle to seek better management of the Ashfield Flats foreshore and the Bush forever site that is down there.

This led to a well supported walk where we got many people and areas of Government down there. We are still pursuing this issue with the WAPC and DPI and other government agencies to see if we can get agreement on having a detailed management plan enacted for the area. Something it desperately needs.

The Ashfield Forest project also took a step forward this year with the day of handing out plants for residents at The Colstoun Road shops. This was backed up by informing residents of the value of planting trees and not only keeping our suburb cooler and more beautiful but providing habitat for native birds and animals. In addition, a submission was put into council regarding the street tree master plan and how this could change in Ashfield now that we have no overhead powerlines.

One of the main features of the AshfieldCAN each year is the newsletter and I would like to thank Dave Love for his continued contributions in making this happen. They are a great resource for the AshfieldCAN and I know we all enjoy reading them.

Thanks goes to Verna for continuing to head up the Neighbourhood Watch side of the AshfieldCAN and keeping our connection with the Kiara police station going.

I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Town of Bassendean and in particular Graeme Haggart. We very much appreciate the support you generate at the Town of Bassendean for what we set out to achieve. I believe we have a good working relationship with the Council and this has been a huge benefit to all.

Thanks goes for the support of our local member, Dave Kelly. I know Dave has raised various concerns of ours in Parliament and it is much appreciated to have this sort of support especially when tackling the bigger issues.

I would finally like to acknowledge every single member of our AshfieldCAN for their decision to be part of our community and help us to achieve great things for the area. Your support is vital to our success. To every volunteer of which there are far too many to mention, I thank you. Without volunteers we would not achieve half of what we have achieved.

Last but not least, I would like to thank my committee as they are the ones that keep things going. Thanks goes to Lenny McLeod, Dave Love and Bob Brown for everything they have done throughout the year to help keep the AshfieldCAN going.

Thinking back, it has truly been an exhausting year but one we should all be proud of. Thank you all and best wishes for the Christmas season.

Lucy Bromell (President)

Dave Kelly Supporting AshfieldCAN

The erosion and degradation of Ashfield Flats continues to be a major problem. The State Government, as the land owner needs to do the right thing. The Ashfield Flats are a precious asset to both our community and the Swan River foreshore. We have already seen trees topple into the river and public seating removed for safety reasons.

I am speaking in the Parliament about the Ashfield Flats on the 13th November at 9am. Come along and show the Government you care. Contact my office for details on 9279 9871.

Thanks also to AshfieldCan and the Ashfield Primary School P&C for a great Garage Trail Sale event on 25 October. And doesn't Gary Blanch Reserve look fabulous? Another great AshfieldCan project. I look forward to the opening on 15 November. Keep up the good work!

Dave

Dave Kelly – Bassendean State MP

(the electorate of Bassendean includes the suburb of Ashfield)

Your 2014/15 Committee

The following people were selected to your AshfieldCAN committee at the AGM on the 20th October 2014

Lucy Bromell - President

Dave Love - Vice President

Lenny McLeod - Secretary

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Community Garage Sale

There were bargains for everyone at AshfieldCAN's annual community garage sale with many locals snapping up bargains despite the variable weather. The event took place on Saturday October 25th as part of the National Garage Sale Trail. Seventeen stalls were set up at Ashfield Primary School, selling a variety of goods, including a sausage sizzle stall run by hosts Ashfield Primary and a cake stall hosted by AshfieldCAN, as well as a bouncy castle for the kids. Everyone had a fantastic day, with delights on offer for all ages and many bargains. This year wouldn't have been the success it was without the help and support of the AshfieldCAN members and the Town of Bassendean staff who contributed to the day, and worked tirelessly promoting the community garage sale in the lead up to the event. A huge thankyou to everyone who took part and we look forward to seeing you all next year!



Ashfield Primary Sausage Sizzle Stall.

Gary Blanch Reserve Progress



AshfieldCAN

President's Annual Report

Another year has flown by and I can't believe we have come to the end of another AshfieldCAN year.

The AshfieldCAN has continued to do great works in Ashfield.

This year started the Garage Sale trail at Gary Blanch Reserve. This was very successful and thanks to Marion Cahill for organising this event and for taking on the task of organising it again this year.

The usual Christmas function followed on next which was most enjoyable and then there was a bit of a break at Christmas and over the summer.

We started the new Year with the Bus stop project, painting bus stops with the Cyril Jackson Students. This was another successful and well received project.

The major Project this year has been the Gary Blanch Reserve and what a transformation it has been. This project has been amazingly successful on many levels.

We have seen the park change from a dry, drab space into a vibrant community asset that is getting used constantly by the local community. That in itself is so gratifying.

The park has been remodelled with the two nature play areas, planted gardens, paths and lawns making a tremendous difference to the space. All this has been masterminded and overseen by Emma Slavin. She has done a sensational job getting the community vision to become a reality.

With the Planting day for the community, the planting day with Ashfield Primary School, the making of the rock gardens with other AshfieldCAN members it has been a true community effort. The park is something that is of significant value to this community now.

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River Gathering



AshfieldCAN Project Coordinator Bob Brown addresses some of the crowd from a seat under threat from erosion.

We really do live in a fortunate country, where people from all political persuasions, State agencies, community groups and other walks of life can come together and express diverse opinions in a friendly, non-adversarial environment.

Such was the case recently when Ashfield Community Action Network (AshfieldCAN) hosted an evening river ramble along the foreshore at Ashfield Flats to discuss the often vexed question of how to preserve and restore our ailing Swan River.

The well attended gathering was hailed as a bipartisan starting point from which to achieve worthwhile change that, it is hoped, will set a benchmark to be duplicated and eventually transform our myriad of wetlands in the upper reaches of the Swan River system to a point where they again contribute to the health of our estuary.

Our meeting place, Ashfield Flats, is an example of sometimes well-intentioned human intervention causing harm to our environment. In this case a dying environment, paradoxically enshrined as iconic 'Bushland Forever' and acknowledged as an ancient breeding area for life so important to the health of the entire estuary.

The gathering identified harm has been caused by a range of human interventions and actions, from the earthen pedestrian pathway obstructing the ebb and flow of natural water movement, to the destruction wrought by the wash of ever increasing river traffic, gouging at fragile river banks. Even decades-old river realignment was identified as causing constant wind-wave destruction. The mass mortality of large wetland trees and stagnant, mosquito breeding toxic ponds, devoid of once abundant frog and other aquatic life is a stark indictment of our inability to tackle the degradation of this immensely valuable community asset. What we now understand is that this degradation is essentially a bureaucratic problem, for as the meeting identified the wetlands have done the rounds of Government agencies and incongruously this iconic area is now entrusted to the WA Planning Commission. It was generally agreed this environmental catastrophe should not be a 'planning' issue as it is outside their scope of responsibility and therefore unlikely to receive priority attention and funding for the restorative work so desperately needed.

Discussion centred on the amalgamation of the

municipalities of Bassendean and Bayswater as representing a great opportunity for the new entity and the government of our State to come together as a team to repair and nurture the upper reaches of our great river.

The gathering ended on an optimistic note as it was acknowledged that which is done can, to some extent, be undone. Science and engineering can be focussed on identifying and fixing the problems. If boats cannot be stopped (and they can't) then environmental engineers can be employed to mute their effect. Public education and policing of boat speeds can be undertaken. A combination of public amenity and environmental areas can be established. Earthen footpaths can be replaced with raised boardwalks. Steep clay cliff faces can be supported and protected from erosion. More wetland trees and rushes can be planted and riverbank profiles can be returned. The rest, as they say, can be left to nature.

Notwithstanding the many issues surrounding council amalgamations, the vast number of people who care, should demand of those who represent us, that our river's health be given the priority it deserves.

Bob Brown



ToB's current work on the part of the foreshore they are able to manage Revegetation work. . . photographs taken by Graham Kiely.



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Ashfield Residents' Interests Photography

Swan River: Reflections of colour and light

A unique photographic series of the Swan River has been recorded by Ashfield resident John Goldsmith. Over many months, John built up a photographic record of the Swan River and its amazing visual variety, under a wide range of lighting conditions. He photographed the light, colour and patterns created by the river's surface, and all of the images were all recorded along a small stretch of the river, near the Ashfield fishing platform. The result is a superb mosaic image showing the range of light, colour, waves, reflections



John Goldsmith at The Bassendean Visual Arts Awards.

and patterns. This approach of observing the river closely has paid dividends, as the resulting mosaic of fifteen images featured at the Bassendean Visual Arts Awards (2014) and was sold. John's usual photographic subject is astronomical landscape photography. His work is featured at www.celestialvisions.com.au, and he enjoys photography as a way of interacting and exploring nature, ranging from the cosmos, to more terrestrial subjects, such as the Swan River. He has led photographic workshops aimed at helping people achieve better photography of the Swan River dolphins, as part of the Dolphin Watch / River Guardian volunteer program (with more than 600 volunteers in Perth).

Framed prints of the Swan River Reflections print can be ordered, contact John Goldsmith by email at John.Goldsmith.MSc@gmail.com. Web site: www.celestialvisions.com.au



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Ashfield sunrises by Graham Kiely



Who am I

I never lived in Ashfield but I lived 200m away in Bassendean during my school years. I took over my father's business on the same location that I lived. A year ago I moved across the railway line after the sale of the family property. I attended Ashfield Primary School and Cyril Jackson High between the years of 1957 and 1965. I then worked for my father until he retired in 1982. I still run the family business with my wife Lorraine. Some of my school mates were; Errol Bristow, Bill Birch, Brian Grigo, Peter Davies, Len Smith, Malcolm Campbell, John Featherby, John Doyle, Michael Jaros, Keith Wilcox, Max Jeffries, Stuart Royer, Hayden Barron, Paul Kelly, David Sebbs, Kristine Guest, Margaret McKinnon, Kynette Kleghorn, Pat Lynch, Cheryl Barry, Katherine Featherby, Dawn Sebbs, Harold Hawkins, Nicholas Kopp, Ricky Zawada, John Outman, Maitland Easton and Klaus Schultz. Mrs Whelan was my Grade 1 teacher and Mr Mitchell was my Grade 4 and 5 teacher at Ashfield Primary. Who am I? If you recognise this person ring your answer to Dave 92797903. If we can not find a winner look for more clues in the next AshfieldCAN newsletter

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Mayor's Message

On Wednesday 22 November the Premier and Minister for Local Government announced the long awaited local government reform agenda.

It is proposed that the Town of Bassendean will become part of an enlarged City of Bayswater through a boundary amendment that will also include Inglewood, Kiara and parts of Dianella, Mount Lawley, Menora, Noranda and Yokine from the City of Stirling and Swan.

The Town of Bassendean will cease to operate from 1 July 2015 at which time the City of Bayswater's boundaries will be expanded to incorporate the entire district of the Town of Bassendean.

Bassendean will not have any elected representatives on the Bayswater Council from July until the elections are held in October 2015.

The greatest concern for representation for our town is the fact that there will be no ward boundaries for the enlarged City of Bayswater making it extremely difficult to ensure representation from

our town. It is extremely disappointing that the State Government has decided against an amalgamation that would have given residents the opportunity to cast a vote on the proposal.

Planting has also been taking place along Ashfield Flats with the Town of Bassendean engaging Natural Area Management Services (NAMS) to carry out the plantings in an endeavour to avoid further erosion to the area. (pictures are featured on page 3.)

Cr. John Gangell, Mayor
Town of Bassendean



Notes from Verna
Suburb Manager
Ashfield
Ph: 0432 563 800

It's that wonderful time of the year again. Days are warmer, the festive season is approaching, outdoor activities are in full swing and many of us are focussed on preparations for time with family and friends. Unfortunately, the thoughts of thieves and criminals are also focussed on making the most of this time.

Outdoor activities increase during the summer months and more often, doors and windows are left open for ease of access. Opportunistic burglaries are often the result.

Safety in numbers is very true. Get to know your neighbours, and tell each other if you have noticed something unusual or perhaps a stranger in the neighbourhood. Remind each other of the following tips to make it more difficult for the criminals:

- Keep trees and garden shrubs trimmed to make it more difficult for criminals to hide.
- Install security screens if possible and keep doors and windows locked at all times.
- Install a security alarm if possible with a visible external light.
- Do not tempt would be thieves by leaving valuables including mobile phones, and laptops clearly visible through windows.
- If you are going to be away, arrange for your mail to be collected during your absence. Overflowing mailboxes are a red alert for thieves.

With a modicum of common sense and forethought, we can make life more difficult for the criminals and reduce our chances of becoming victims.