**President’s Report**

Late 2019 saw two annual events take place at Gary Blanch park, Yoga in the Park on 23rd of November and the Christmas Party which took place on the 4th of December. As usual the Christmas party had a very good turn out, it is always a great evening enjoying good company at our community park on a balmy summers evening.

With the New Year we faced interruption by a once in century event, the pandemic caused a hiatus for several months from March through to August, however despite the impacts of Covid19 there are still a number of highlights; 2020 has seen significant development in progressing the lookout project with final approvals from stakeholders including the DPLH and Town of Bassendean signed off and funds courtesy of Bassendean MLA Dave Kelly released to the Ashfield CAN.

Ashfield CAN were fortunate enough to have had several informative presentations over the year; with Gavan McGrath from Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, presenting information in regards to his hydrological study of the Ashfield Flats. ToandFro studios in conjunction with the UWA school of design consulting with the community and presenting their study of Place Value – Ashfield a study of how to meet urban infill targets while retaining the aspects of what make Ashfield such a great suburb to reside. We had several visits from representatives from WA Police including the Office in Charge of Kiara Station Matt Mccaughey as well as the WA Police Community Safety Team. Other guests to our general meetings included, Jeremy Maher, Deanie Carbon, TOB Corporate Communications Coordinator and Mayor Renee McLennan to discuss Opportunities to align Ashfield CAN and Town of Bassendean more closely.

The 2020 Dogs breakfast event took place on September 20 at Sandy beach reserve and despite less than ideal weather there was another solid turn out, the community once again were generous with their donations for the raffle and the dog speed dating was a hit with those who attended.

We are currently planning the Christmas party, and look forward to seeing our friends and neighbours once again down at Gary Blanch Park as we wind down into the Christmas period.

I would like to extend my gratitude for the incredible work the members of the Ashfield CAN committee have put in this year in particular our secretary Lenny McLeod who has put in so much time and effort. Looking forward to the 20/21 year, I am hopeful we will have a somewhat less disrupted year and can continue to give the residents a forum to advocate for a wonderful local community, support and promote activities within the local community and enhance, protect and promote the natural environment within the suburb of Ashfield