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#### Neighbourhood Watch.

Lots of exciting things are happening in Ashfield, with AshfieldCan doing much to improve and beautify the suburb. Principal Michael Kovlevs is trying to establish a School Watch for Ashfield Primary School. Hopefully residents living in houses bordering the school will get on board to promote/join the School Watch program. Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) helping to make it a safer place to live.

The NHW Community Funding Program opens on 2nd August and closes on 30th August for this year. The program focuses on such issues as:

- Speeding and hooning
- Burglary and theft
- Vandalism and graffiti
- Litter
- Juvenile delinquency
- Loud parties
- Community participation

A maximum of \$3,000 can be applied for to assist the community in reducing these antisocial behaviours. These matters will be discussed at the next AshfieldCan meeting at the Ashfield Soccer Club on Monday May 13th commencing at 7:00 p.m. If you wish to put forward your ideas on addressing these social problems, come along to the meeting. **All are welcome.**

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Ashfield  
Community

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## Sports Club

The football season is back and things are humming along quite nicely for your team ASHFIELD. Coach Matt Carruthers guided the club into fourth last year and with the nucleus of that squad still on board they should place a few rungs higher this time around. Alex Stamatiadis, Karl O'Reilly and summer signing Jamie Burns have been tasked with opening up opposition teams while the defensive nous of Graham Tough, club stalwart David Gordon and John Perkins provide some very solid foundations. On their day Ashfield are on par with the best the league has to offer and that is why they will be close to the top come seasons' end.

With a good season ahead get yourself down to Ashfield Arena on match days to see some quality local football, with many high profiling and up and coming players to feast upon. Also come and enjoy the Ashfield Sports Club's famous match day hospitality and while you are here why not ask about our special member deals and season tickets.

Upcoming Fixtures at Ashfield Arena – Entry \$6; Pension/Concession \$4; Children under 15 free. Main game at 3pm

**CoolRidge Cup** – Ashfield Vs BB United Saturday 27th April

**Round 5** – Ashfield Vs Morley Windmills (Local Derby) Saturday 11th May

**Round 7** – Ashfield Vs Mandurah City Saturday 25th May

**Round 9** – Ashfield Vs Swan United Saturday 8th June

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## Safety Issues . . .

# Focus on Colstoun Rd

**The AshfieldCAN is campaigning for a set of traffic lights at the intersection of Guildford Road and Colstoun Road.**

This T junction is one of the main access points into and out of the suburb of Ashfield. We believe residents are finding this access point harder and harder to negotiate safely due to the increase of traffic volume and the speed cars tend to travel down Guildford Road, especially at rush hour.

There have been more than 24 accidents at the cost of over 1 million dollars in recent years at this intersection.

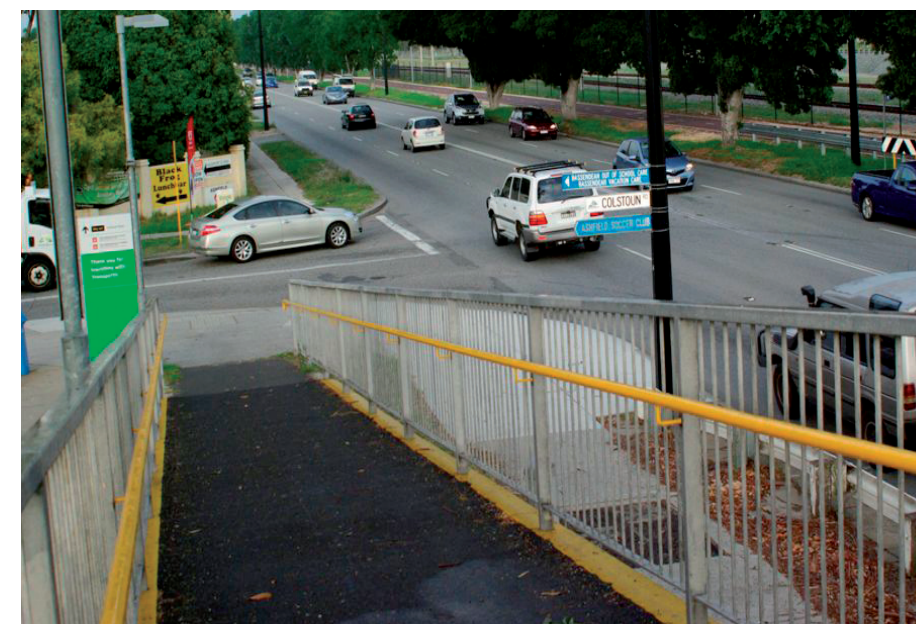
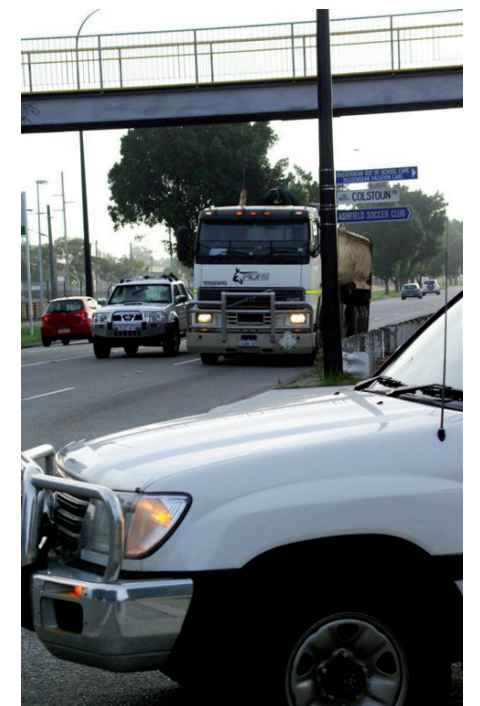
Compounding the issue of safe access into Ashfield is the fact that there is no safe access point for

cyclists to enter the suburb from the Principal Shared Path that has been installed adjacent to the railway line along Guildford Road. While the PSP is an excellent amenity to have for cyclists and pedestrians, it does need to be safely accessible from the suburb of Ashfield.

The AshfieldCAN is also aware that the pedestrian bridge that crosses above Guildford Road at this location to the Ashfield Train station is not compliant as a wheelchair access due to the steep gradient, making access to the train station difficult and possibly dangerous for the elderly and disabled residents in Ashfield.

We believe that Colstoun Road is and should remain the main entry point into the suburb of Ashfield.

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**Ashfield CAN  
Meeting**

May 13th 7pm  
Ashfield Sports  
Club

**All Welcome**

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# Colstoun Rd Safety

In conjunction with our newly elected local Member of Parliament, Dave Kelly, the Town of Bassendean and AshfieldCAN are requesting that Main Roads install a set of traffic lights at this location thus allowing safe passage into the suburb of Ashfield for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians from the main carriage ways.

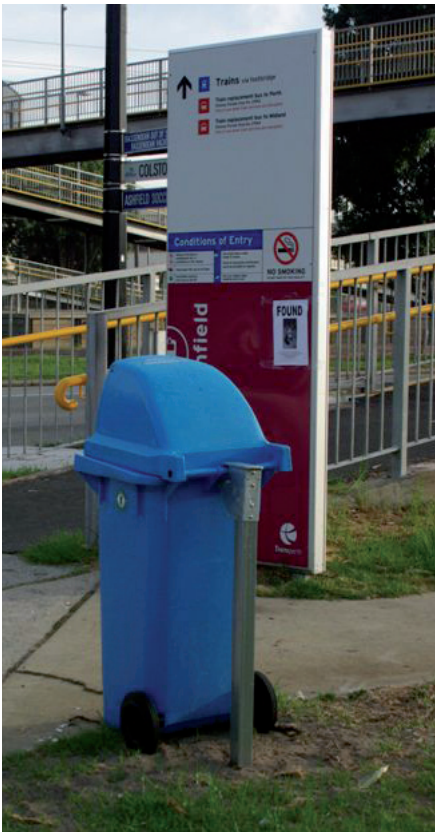
To help us with our endeavours we have written a petition that we would like to include in our submission and encourage all of you to sign it at any of the local businesses on Colstoun Road.

You will find the petition at IGA, Ashfield Chemist, Istanbul Kitchen, the Black Frog Lunch bar and the Ashfield Sports Club.

Residents are invited to express their opinions at the May 13th Meeting of AshfieldCAN at the Sports Club - come along. Coucil representatives will be in attendance.

NEW BIN . . .

. . . NEW POSITION



## IT IS TIME TO REVIEW THE ASHFIELD PRECINCT PLAN

The AshfieldCAN has been very proactive in ensuring that the Ashfield Precinct Plan continues to be a key focal point for the Town of Bassendean and the State Government.

The Town of Bassendean along with AshfieldCAN has a strong commitment to ensure that the Ashfield Precinct Plan comes to fruition, however it is disappointing to note that neither of the major political parties made any funding commitments to the Ashfield Precinct Plan during the recent State Election Campaign. To this end I believe it is time to review the Ashfield Precinct Plan to ensure that the plan is deliverable within the foreseeable future.

The State Government needs to be up front and honest in the realistic prospect of funding for the plan and if funding for the existing plan is not achievable the following should be considered.

Importance should be placed on reassessing the proposed relocation of the Ashfield Train Station and realigning Colstoun Road as the centre of Ashfield.

Consideration should also be given for the installation of traffic lights to address the increasingly dangerous intersection of Colstoun and Guildford Road. The project scope should also include the provision for improved access to the Ashfield Train Station and also provide a crossing for cyclists to gain access onto the bike path on Guildford Road.

Together as a community, we can get real outcomes that will continue to ensure the urban revitalisation of Ashfield continues.

*John Gangell  
Mayor*

### ‘HAS BIN’

The view to the Bassendean traffic side of Colstoun Road has been greatly enhanced in recent times by the removal of a large boxed rubbish bin. (pictured)

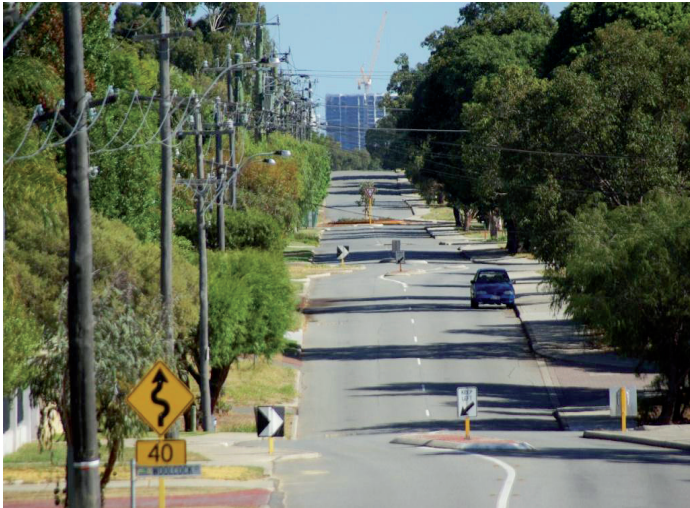
A new bin has been relocated on the other side of the railway walkway ramp and is more accessible for pedestrians.

The old wooden electricity poles seen in the picture have also been replaced by underground power poles positioned to give better viewing for turning motorists.

AshfieldCAN is proud to be contributing to better safety in the area.



# Scape



Hardy Road before and after underground power

## Powerful Facts

Project Statistics are as follows; 608 connections were used. Just over 10 kms of mains cable with 162 new streetlights, 4 new transformers along with 4 new switchgear units.

We have now completed the removal of 263 old wooden poles.

I want to recognise the support of your previous local parliamentary member, Martin Whitely - he assisted with a number of issues during the project, his efforts are much appreciated.

Many thanks to the Town of Bassendean, in particular Simon Stewart-Dawkins, Ken Cardy and their staff.

**Axel Brutty  
Western Power**

## Community Rewards

Ashfield residents can now join the IGA Community Rewards Plus incentive, and money spent at IGA Ashfield will help you to support your favourite charity.

‘The Ashfield IGA store has recently undergone major refurbishments. This store has been vastly upgraded and we recommend you visit. From the delicious rotisserie chickens and fresh in store baked bread, to the freshest fruit and veg, this store is a delight.

AshfieldCAN would greatly appreciate your nomination as your charity, which in turn helps provide amenities for the community of Ashfield. PLEASE CONSIDER.





# The Changing Face of Ashfield



French Street before and after underground power

## A Forest for Ashfield?



The AshfieldCAN is currently looking at ways of taking advantage of our new powerline free verges and developing this community asset for all.

We want to help mitigate the future loss of trees as rezoning occurs and infill means existing trees in gardens are lost. There are many environmental, economic and social benefits from the presence of trees in our suburbs.

More trees mean an improved streetscape, thereby increasing house and land values in the area. The shade and cooling provided by trees means a cooler suburb and energy savings for all as well as improved air quality.

By planting trees we encourage biodiversity, increase habitat for local fauna and build upon the important habitat area in Ashfield Flats.

We plan to; encourage council to plant more street trees on Ashfield verges. Discuss amendments to the existing street tree plan to take into account the fact that we no longer have any overhead powerlines. Encourage and support residents to replace lawns on verges with waterwise gardens.

For more information email Emma at [emmaslavin@bigpond.com](mailto:emmaslavin@bigpond.com).

# Street



## UNDERGROUND POWER

I had the great privilege of being present with residents of Ashfield and members of AshfieldCAN on Thursday 28 February as the last power pole was removed in Ashfield.

The undergrounding of power project commenced in February 2012 and on its completion has not only improved the safety and reliability of power in Ashfield, but is also more aesthetically pleasing, creating a clear, uncluttered streetscape and allowing trees to grow free without the need to prune away from power lines.

I am very pleased to celebrate the successful completion of this project and thanks are extended to everyone involved, especially members of the Ashfield community.

John Gangell, Mayor



The ceremonial pulling of the last pole



## Gary Blanch Reserve Family Fun

A great afternoon was had by everyone who attended the family fun at Gary Blanch Reserve on Saturday 20th April. We have planted our everlastings again and are looking forward to another spectacular show.

The kids enjoyed the bouncy castle, the arts and crafts, games and icecreams; and everyone enjoyed the cuppa and cake and the chance to catch up and get to know their neighbours a little better.

Recent improvements carried out at Gary Blanch Reserve by the Town of Bassendean include; a new bore system with an iron filter to decrease the amount of iron in the water, repaired sprinklers and new sand in the sandpits. The drain with the concrete cover has also been decommissioned and filled.

As you can see lots of people love GARY and we are continuing to progress the communities ideas on what they would like to see happen in our park. The Gary Blanch working group will be meeting again soon to look at long term planning options. For more information email Emma at [emmaslavin@bigpond.com](mailto:emmaslavin@bigpond.com).



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# Opening A Big Success

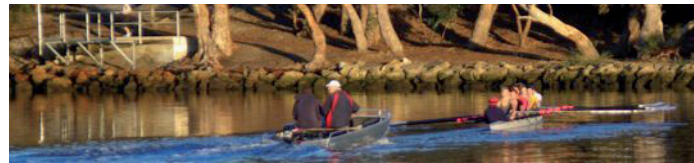
The opening for the Roy's Rest bench was held on the afternoon of December 13th. 2013.

It was a beautiful afternoon and the sun finally came out after raining for most of the morning.

A large number of people attended including many family and friends of the late Roy Hookway, numerous local residents and officials from the Town of Bassendean and the Water Authority.

The bench was officially opened by the Mayor John Gangell. Speeches were also given by Pauline Gazey, the daughter of Roy Hookway and Bill Busby the president of the AshfieldCAN. Pauline Gazey spoke about her father's love for the area and how important walking his dog and being part of the community of dog walkers was to him.

The opening was followed by the annual AshfieldCAN Christmas BBQ which was enjoyed by all.



Rowers pass the Roy Hookway Fishing Platform

## Restoration Fence Ashfield Flats

A total of 4,150 plants have been ordered and are due to be planted in July-August 2013. The Town of Bassendean in conjunction with Swan River Trust have installed a temporary fence along the northern foreshore, this is to restrict public access to allow our revegetation works to establish.

In 2012 we had several of our plants removed and vandalised so the fence should deter river users from vandalising the vegetation. The towns weed contractor has already started weed control within the fenced area prior to planting.

**Jeremy Walker Environmental Officer  
Town of Bassendean**



The bench and water fountain has been well used since the opening and appreciated by walkers and dogs alike. The AshfieldCAN has received lots of positive feedback about this project and feel proud to have provided another amenity for the community to use.



# Living in Ashfield

*Memories from long time Ashfield Residents  
Geoff and Jan Addison*

## WHITE ROCKS *(Where the steps are)*

Before the channel was cut to create Ron Courtney Island, the water at White Rocks was very deep and two separate drownings occurred. Access to the river at this point was down a steep sand hill but that didn't deter the local kids from spending hours swinging from a rope on the big tree and doing bombies into the river.

Blue mana crabs could be caught with drop nets in late summer and cobbler pots were also used by some kids. Net fishing for mullet was sneakily carried out resulting in many Friday fish being delivered and sold from the boot of Mr. "R's" old car.

When the island was created it became a favourite place for our kids who paddled their canoe over to spend the night camped in their tent.

## ASHFIELD FLATS

The flats was used by the McDonald family for their dairy herd. The dairy and farmhouse were located where West Road now turns into Sandy Beach. Milk was delivered overnight to many Bassendean households by Mr. McDonald in his horse drawn milk cart. After the dairy ceased, the flats were used by a few locals to train trotting horses and some of the inner tracks on the flats are the remains of this activity.

The regular flooding of the flats area provided kids in the 50s an opportunity to grab floating logs which were then "riden" from Sandy Beach across the flats to White Rocks. Great fun but our mother's didn't know what we were up to.

## Join AshfieldCAN

If you would like to become a member of Ashfield Community Action Network (AshfieldCAN) email us at [info@ashfieldcan.info](mailto:info@ashfieldcan.info) or post this form to 289 Guildford Rd, Maylands WA 6051

Name .....

Address.....

Email.....

Date.....

Signed .....

*We seek the memories of long time Ashfield residents and invite contributions to be submitted to us at PO Box 337 Bassendean 6934*



A proposal to create a residential canal development of the flats area was strongly opposed by ratepayers. As a result of this the Bassendean Preservation Group embarked on a tree planting and restoration plan which is ongoing.

Pathways and bridges along the river have now made this section of the flats a pleasant walk for all to enjoy with abundant birdlife and dolphins sighted regularly.

## SPONSORS WANTED

AshfieldCAN is pleased with the response to its newsletters and now offers business people in the Ashfield area a unique chance to offer their services to the public. We thank Ashfield IGA, Ashfield Community Chemist, Istanbul Kitchen and Success Print for sponsoring your newsletter and ask that you consider them when purchasing products to help keep services in Ashfield. Business owners can sponsor AshfieldCAN by e-mailing [info@ashfieldcan.info](mailto:info@ashfieldcan.info) or phoning the secretary.