



**Notes from Verna  
Suburb Manager  
Ashfield  
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As the senior sergeant at Kiara Police Station was unavailable, I was unable to get any updates on crime in our suburb, other than the ongoing need to be vigilant.

As the weather warms up and the festive season approaches, many residents are celebrating outdoors with family and friends. If the gathering is out the back, ensure the front of the house is secure. The reverse applies if the gathering is out the front.

Criminals are always on the lookout for an easy target. To illustrate this point, in the evening a couple of years ago, we had forgotten to pull down our garage door. The garage has a smaller door at the rear and this opens on to the family room, which opens on to the back patio. My son, husband and I were sitting out on the back patio chatting, when fortunately, I decided to go inside. As I stepped in to the family room I was confronted by two thieves

heading for my son's room. My shriek sent the thieves racing out down the road with my husband and son in hot pursuit, but unable to catch them.

The above incident illustrates just how brazen criminals are, so don't make it easy for them. Lock up and enjoy the festive season.

With the approaching summer months please be alert and aware of your surroundings when out and about. The more vigilant you are the less likely you are to be the victim of a crime.

Police are encouraging residents not to become complacent, but to continue the good work in being a proactive community. If you don't already know your neighbours, get to know them as one day they may come to your assistance.

**If you haven't yet joined Neighbourhood Watch and would like to do so, my e-mail address is : verba1@optusnet.com.au**

**See you at the  
Night stalk!  
Friday  
25th Nov**

see details on front page

your  
**Christmas  
Party**



**6pm  
7th December**

see details on front page

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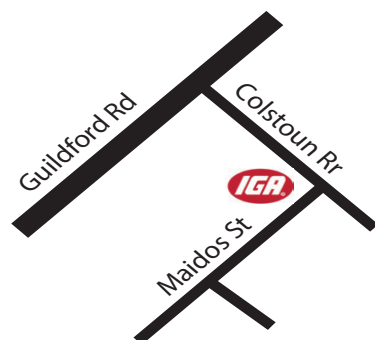
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# Ashfield Health, Safety and Prevention

## Predicted Bad Year for Mosquitoes

Mosquitoes do not recognise local government boundaries. Breeding in one area may affect residents in another.

The Cities of Bayswater, Belmont and Swan and the Towns of Bassendean and Vic Park are working in partnerships to address this problem.

WA doctors have warned the impending mosquito season in Perth and the South West could be one of the worst in years amid fears people are becoming complacent about the risks the insects pose.

The Heath Department recently warned those in the State's southern half to brace for an unusually bad mosquito season and the heightened risk of disease after a wet winter.

## Safety Keyring and Stickers

Sticker and keyring safety products can be attached to anything you wear like you or your child's cycle helmet, phone, car keys, bags, bicycle, or tablet.

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It can send a text to your contacts with your exact location and long/latitude for ambulance/police at the touch of a button.

They promote safety and help the community and are now available at the Ashfield Chemist.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from AshfieldCAN

## President's Annual Report (cont)

I believe we have continued to support the community in many ways. We supported the Ashfield Primary School with organising a get together for former students through our history afternoon tea late last year. This information and photographs were then compiled and given to the school to assist them celebrate their 60th anniversary. Thanks to Mark Johnson for all his research for this project. Recently we have contributed funds and support towards the successful planting of the Picking Garden at Cyril Jackson Senior Campus Arts House. This allowed a group of Ashfield Primary School Students to experience planting a garden and a host of other great activities that were put on by Arts House. This project saw the coming together of a number of community incentives which were all really positive for this community. I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Town of Bassendean Council, especially Graeme Haggart for supporting us at the AshfieldCAN.

I would like to thank all those people who have supported the AshfieldCAN in the past. Without your support we have nothing. I would particularly like to thank the committee Lenny, Dave Ring and Bob. Special thanks goes to Emma, Dave Love and Marion for their significant contributions to the AshfieldCAN.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out in any capacity and encourage everyone to continue to support what we do to help build a better community. Now we need to start planning for the year ahead so we are always open to new ideas and new suggestions. Thank you for being part of this community.

Lucy Bromell ( President)

## CUBE . . .Soon to be Ready

The AshfieldCAN CUBE - is soon going to be ready to be installed in Gary Blanch Reserve. International Artist Paul Caporn has been working on transforming it into a great addition to the park. We hope to have it in by Christmas!

## Fire Protection

The Town of Bassendean has written to many properties located within a bush fire prone area, including a number of Ashfield residents. There are a number of precautions you can take to protect your property and your family during Fire Season, which include.

Complying with the Town's firebreak requirements to reduce fuel on your property.

Protecting your house from ember attack by fitting wire screens or shutters.

Block any gaps under the floor, roof, eaves, external vents, skylights, chimneys and wall cladding.

Have an emergency water supply that is independant from the mains supply.

Discuss fire prevention and preparedness with your family and neighbours.

The Town of Bassendean conducts annual fire hazard inspections of all properties within the district.

All land within the Town must be cleared of combustible materials prior to 31 October

each year. Combustible materials must be slashed or mowed to a height no longer than 10cm and maintained until 31 March the following year.

Please note the Town of Bassendean Local Laws prohibit the burning of foliage or bush without prior approval.

### AshfieldCAN Committee

Lucy Bromell  
President

Bob Brown  
Vice President

Lenny McLeod  
Secretary

Mark Johnson  
Treasurer

In compliance with our new constitution we also now have additional formal committee members. They are: Emma Slavin, Dave Love, Bill Busby and Geoff Addison.

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## Ashfield Preferred Soccer Location

**You may have seen recent press about Ashfield Reserve becoming the Home of Soccer in WA.**

Ashfield is Football West's preferred location for the \$45 million dollar project with funding to be sourced predominantly through Government.

At this time no official announcement has been made by Government and Ashfield is one of 4 sites under consideration (the others being Kitchener Park in Subiaco, Burswood & Whiteman Park).

You may recall that when the Town surveyed the community in May on the

project with strong support for the facility to be in Ashfield. Council resolved to formally express an interest in Ashfield Reserve being considered for the project.

### New Facilities

If Ashfield Reserve is announced as the home of Football West, it will result in major new sporting facilities on the Reserve and potentially elsewhere in the Town. Ashfield Soccer Club will have fantastic new facilities and residents will have access to world class social and function facilities.

This project would have significant other benefits to Ashfield and the Town including

attracting tourism, jobs, and investment into the area.

But we are a long way off that being a reality right now.

In the event that Ashfield Reserve is announced as the venue for the new Home of Football West the Town is committed to engaging with the community and nearby residents in particular and to maintain that engagement throughout the project.

**Kind regards**

**Cr. John Gangell**

**Mayor, Town of Bassendean**

## President Delivers 2016 Annual Report

**Another year has flown by and again it has been a successful and busy one for the AshfieldCAN. We have been involved in a surprising number of activities when you start to add them all up.**

We have continued our commitment to the Gary Blanch reserve with planting days and events in the Park. The Park has also successfully been used for the Garage Sale Trail, a pizza night and our Christmas Party.

The Park is very well used by the community on a day to day basis which is gratifying considering the work that has gone in to the park.

The next step is to get the storage Cube relocated to the Park and to get it looking good. This feature will not only provide storage but also more seating and the opportunity to have mini movie nights in the park. We will also have our equipment stored and easily accessible in the park.

The Council has given approval for this project so now need to make the next step happen.

Our commitment to the River and Ashfield Flats has continued this year with our second River Forum which was a night of excellent speakers and was well received by all that attended.



*A blackout at our AGM meant a candlelight meeting*

From that we have formed a Citizen Science sub-committee and we have held a number of events with more being planned. We held a discovery walk around Ashfield Flats which was interesting to see what knowledge and experiences people had of that area. This was followed by a talk by Conservation Council member Nic Dunlop about community/citizen science approaches to conservation.

The next event was a talk by birdlife Australia and a walk around the flats the following weekend. Again this was well received and we were surprised how many species of bird there was to be found. The birdlife Australia bird count happens in a few weeks' time and I would like to think we could inspire a few people around here to be involved so we can start collecting the data for this area.

We have other little events planned such as a botany walk and a night stalk!

With the development of the River Parks Committee in the Town of Bassendean I am hopeful that together with all the relevant departments we can as a community make some inroads into looking after this important space in a more considered way ensuring it becomes a well-cared for, activated, public space that can benefit all members of our community.

In the last year we have again held our regular events such as the Garage Sale Trail, the Dog's Breakfast and the Christmas function. All have been great events and well supported.

The 6th Dog's breakfast was again very successful and enjoyed by a large number of people. I believe we even made a profit. We advertised for the first time on facebook and I think this did bring extra people to the event.

The Garage Sale returned to Gary Blanch Reserve and was another good community event. This event is almost upon us again as it is about the next event on our calendar.

The Christmas function was held in Gary Blanch reserve and was another really lovely event. It was great to see so many people enjoying the park and each other's company.

Again this year we have seen some fabulous newsletters go out and we have extended the distribution to 1000 copies and extended the area we deliver to. Thanks to Dave and Emma for pulling all this together.

Facebook continues to be a useful interactive communication tool for the Association.

The website still continues to provide information and allows us to store much of our data in an accessible for other to see.

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## AshfieldCAN Community Garage Sale *Huge Success* *at Gary Blanch Reserve*

AshfieldCAN organised our fourth annual community garage sale on Saturday 22 October as part of the National Garage Trail Sale. The sale was held at the Gary Blanch Reserve in Ashfield, amidst the beautiful spring flowers that are currently



blooming in the park. Regular visitors to the sale will remember our first event at this site, when it was a very drab linear park. The transformation of this space, due to the hard work of the AshfieldCAN members and volunteers, is inspiring.

With 17 stalls, we had many visitors to our sale, and over a hundred breakfast burgers and hotdogs sold by the Ashfield Primary School. Once again the community garage sale provided the perfect opportunity for locals to socialize, nab a bargain, or just enjoy a coffee and a bite to eat. Many thanks to all the AshfieldCAN members and Town of Bassendean staff with their various contributions to ensure another successful garage sale. We look forward to seeing you all next year!

**Marion Cahill**

### Our Thanks

Ashfield Primary P&C had a great morning selling bacon and egg rolls and hot dogs at the Garage Sale Trail in October. We managed to raise \$250 for the school! It was also a great opportunity for us to get to know some new families in the area, so thank you AshfieldCAN for the opportunity! Ashfield Primary School are running story time for free in the school library on Thursday mornings from 9 - 9.30am for 0-5 year olds. The children will be told stories, sing nursery rhymes and do some themed arts and crafts! So if you would like to meet our wonderful Kindy teacher Mrs Frazer and introduce your children to the school please come along. It will also be a great way to meet other parents with similar age children. We are always keen for a coffee and play afterwards too!

**Chantelle Colquhoun**  
**Ashfield Primary**  
**School P&C**



## New Coach Announced

Ashfield Sports Club are pleased to announce the appointment of Matt Wardle as head coach for 2017 season and beyond. Matt is by no means a new face to the Ashfield family. A former player and club captain who in 2010 was one of the first players signed that triggered the state league revival and the relative success the Ashfield Soccer Club have experienced since. Matt has an extensive resume as a player with NPL (former SPL) experience with Inglewood United and was also signed by Scottish side Livingston FC in 2005. Matt will initially be joined by Mark Humphreys (Youth Development) and will be overseeing and conducting trails for all three grades commencing shortly.

The Club is continuing the selection process for our remaning 2017 coaching positions which will be subject to further announcements in the coming weeks.

Please join us in welcoming Matt to his new role and wish him every success for the future in his new role.

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## Bassendean River Parks Management Committee

Whilst there are a number of river parks within the Town of Bassendean two of major significance are Bindaring Park and Ashfield Flats. Both provide ancient outlets for creek systems feeding into the Swan River. Prior to colonisation and subsequent human intervention these systems contributed to the health of the entire estuary; nurturing birdlife and marine mammals, and providing a nursery for much of the river's aquatic life. They were perfect examples of nature in balance.

There is little doubt that these wetlands are a shadow of their former self, with runoff and refuse due to industrial and domestic contamination a major cause of the river's decline.

The challenge facing the Town is providing support to groups such as AshfieldCAN, the Friends of Bindaring Park, the Bassendean Preservation Group and other conservation

groups in restoring these wetlands to a point where they once again contribute to the River's health.

This link between community conservation groups and the Town is the River Parks Committee, a group that will bring to Council concepts, plans and projects intended to restore the good health and natural balance between these systems and our river. This is not to say we can wave a magic wand and return our wetlands to their ancient state, as this chance has been long lost.

However, for an amazing example of what can be achieved in wetland restoration by applying vision, science and modern technology we need look no further than the Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary in Bayswater. I urge people with an interest in wetland conservation to visit and stroll around this sanctuary and access project information on the City of Bayswater website.

Recently, at the urging of Natasha Keper of the Bassendean

Preservation Group, my fellow Councillor and committee member Paul Bridges and I – accompanied by AshfieldCAN members Naomi, Melissa and Jackie - were privileged to be invited by the City of Bayswater to a guided tour of this sanctuary hosted by the Mayor of Bayswater Barry McKenna and conducted by the City's Environmental Coordinator Jeremy Maher, the visionary leader and prime mover of this project.

Whilst there are significant differences between this sanctuary and our own wetlands many of the achievements and lessons learned in Bayswater can be applied to our future restoration work. We look forward to drawing upon the knowledge of our neighbouring municipality.

**Bob Brown**

Presiding Member River Parks Committee, Vice President AshfieldCAN, Councillor Town of Bassendean

Phn - 0448160000

## ArtsHouse Community Garden

at Cyril Jackson Senior Campus

Thank you so much for your continued support and interest in the ArtsHouse Community Garden. Here are some updates about what's been happening over the past few months:

A number of garden friends recommended we apply for Incorporated Association status. The ensuing conversations, as well as consultation with Dr Google revealed that this would provide us with the autonomy we needed to prove our dedication to the cause when applying for funding from Government and non-Government sources. Previous grant application we had submitted were unsuccessful due to concerns around access by the wider community, being on a school site. With the tremendous support of Cyril Jackson Senior Campus and wonderful Town of Bassendean we are excited to announce that this has become a reality, on the 20th of October the Department of Commerce granted us Incorporated Association status. Having this also enables us to take our insurance to protect ourselves and our fabulous volunteers for at least the next 12 months. Further to this a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been developed between the garden and Cyril Jackson Senior Campus which outlines how we will work together to achieve our shared goals for all Bassendean community members and students to CLAP

Connect with the environment and other people.

Learn and use valuable skills to give back to our community and environment.

Achieve physical, social and nutritional benefits, and Participate more in community life.

We attended the AshfieldCAN Garage Sale Trail on Saturday 22/10 at Gary Blanch Reserve - we sold a variety of bric-a-brac and beautiful vintage clothing.

Busy Bees at the garden continue to take place on the first Sunday of each month from 2.00-5.00pm to help maintain and prepare the space for all the exciting projects to come.

For further information contact Serena Richardson at artshousecommunitygarden@gmail.com

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## Dave Kelly Supporting AshfieldCAN

Well done to AshfieldCAN for their work on a range of local issues in 2016.

With the start of our next summer not far away, I am concerned the State Government has not done its job to minimise the risk of a repeat bush fire on the Ashfield Flats this summer. The State Government has avoided confirming how many of the 12 recommendations contained within the report, which were made to reduce the risk of a fire occurring on the flats again, has been implemented, if any. With only two more sitting weeks of Parliament left before the 2017 State election, I will try and ask some questions in the Legislative Council to get answers.

I look forward to next year and hope everyone has a good time over the summer holiday season.

**Dave Kelly – Bassendean State MP**

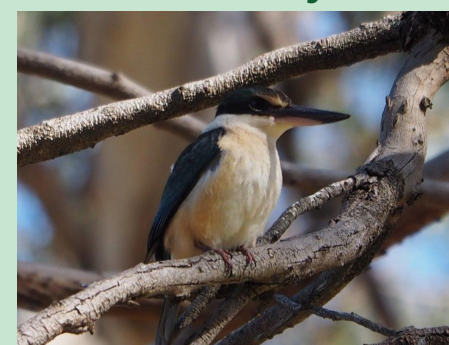
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your Christmas Party

see front page for details

## Latest Discovery Walks Exploring Ashfield Flats

### Birds & Botany



*Sacred Kingfisher*

The AshfieldCAN welcomed Rod Smith from Birdlife Australia to it's August meeting to talk about the birdlife on Ashfield flats. Rod was a wealth of knowledge about the birds of this area. On the following Sunday we joined Rod for a walk around the flats to see what birds we could see, in the various habitats. We saw lots of species of bird

including striated pardalotes, fantails, swamp hens, coots, herons, various species of duck and lots of the usual water birds including our Ospreys. The highlights of the day included

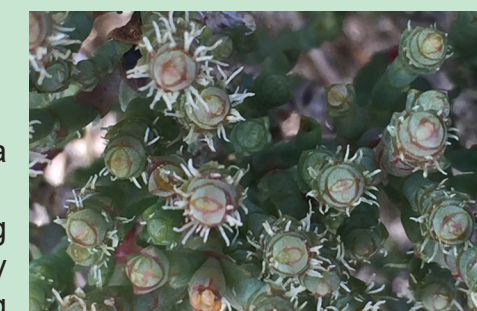


*Botany Walk*

seeing a Rufous Whistler and a Buff Banded Rail. Well respected Botanist Greg Keirghy also conducted a botany walk for us in October. Greg identified many local native

plants on the walk, some of which now seldom occur in the Perth Metropolitan area. Highlights included the different species of Samphire on the Flats "Creeping Brook Weed" and "Native Celery" near the board walk and local water lillies, Ottelia ovalifolia in the drain. Greg was also impressed with the health, number and age diversity of the Flooded Gum population in the area.

**Emma Slavin**



*Samphire species*