

News from the Town

The Town of Bassendean is conducting a feasibility study into establishing a "One Stop Shop" Children and Family Centre.

One of the sites that has been short listed by Council is an extension of the Ashfield Community Centre in Colstoun Road.

The facility is expected to co-locate Wind in the Willows Child Care Centre and Out of School Care services currently delivered by the Town and include the Bassendean Child Health Centre, a new playgroups facility and other services, all in one building.

The vision is for the Centre to be a natural "go to venue" for families needing services for their children.

It is hoped that the Centre will also attract medical services such as paediatrics and allied health services such as speech and hearing and physiotherapy as tenants.

A community workshop will be conducted on Wednesday 19th October from 7pm (in the Committee Room, 48 Old Perth Road, Bassendean) to provide an open forum to determine the preferred location with those in attendance.

"Barry" Closes his watch

Well known and well liked Ashfield resident, Barry Ranford, a person whom used to keep watch over the Maley St and Hardy Rd corner sadly passed away in August. RIP Barry Ranford

Local History Afternoon Tea

A local History afternoon tea was held on Sunday 21st August at the Ashfield Sports Club.

Many of the longest serving residents of Ashfield were there swapping stories and showing off photographs and other memorabilia while enjoying scones and afternoon tea provided by the Ashfield Community Action Network.

Janet Megaritty, Local studies Librarian who co-hosted the event was delighted with the turn out and the stories and information she was given. Some of this will be included in the Local studies collection at The Town of Bassendean library.

Lucy Bromell from the Ashfield CAN was pleased that it gave local residents an opportunity to meet and reminisce. A number of people that attended had previously lived in Ashfield but had now moved on. They enjoyed catching up with previous neighbours and friends.

If you did not make it to the afternoon tea but still have stories or memorabilia that you would like to share, or if you have any other questions please contact - ToB Library on 9279 2966.

*Brian Newby,
Robert Brown,
Zion Western,
Quita Berry and
Janet Megaritty at the
afternoon tea.*



Photo: Connie Bromell

Ashfield Community Bench project

The AshfieldCAN bench project is now underway to design and make the three benches that will go on the Ashfield Parade river foreshore.

Local Artist Lucy Bromell has helped the students of Ashfield Primary School design a bench back design that reflects what they think is important about living in the suburb of Ashfield. The students were asked to think about all the things that made up their community and then asked to draw pictures about the things they liked to do and the birds and animals they saw around Ashfield.

Some of these pictures have been used to help create the design for the bench back.



Three community workshops were also held where local residents had the opportunity to discuss and draw the things that they saw as being important in Ashfield. The 'river and its surrounds' and 'friendship' were the two themes that residents chose to focus on. Two great designs were developed with these themes in mind.



As the response to putting names on the benches had been too small it has been decided instead to put text along with the benches that reflects the meanings of the designs.

We are hoping to have the text installed on the plinths that the benches sit on so that as you sit on the bench you can read the text. The bench design and the designs of the backs of the benches have now gone to council for approval and we hope to start making them soon.



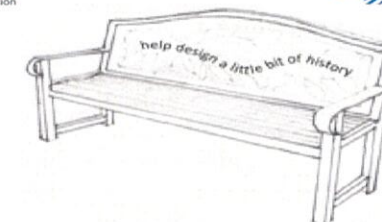
Community Arts Network (WA) manages the Catalyst community Arts fund on behalf of the State of Western Australia through the Department of Culture and the Arts.

The designs of the bench backs will be on display at the Dog's Breakfast.

Come down and have a look!

The benches should be completed and installed by December.

The AshfieldCAN will host an event to celebrate. Check the website for details closer to the time.



Sponsor your own bench!

As the response to the bench project so far has been very positive we are seeing if we can extend it to make six benches instead of three. We have identified sites within Ashfield for the other three benches and it would be great to be able to extend the project.

To do this we would be seeking sponsorship from local businesses or community members.

We already have some great local businesses supporting us but would need a few more to have this happen. If you know of anyone who might like to be involved and support this community please come and talk to us. Dave on 9279 7903 or Lucy on 0402 257 965 or email us at info@ashfieldcan.info.

Farewell Roy

It was with sadness that we said farewell to one of our longest serving Ashfield residents.

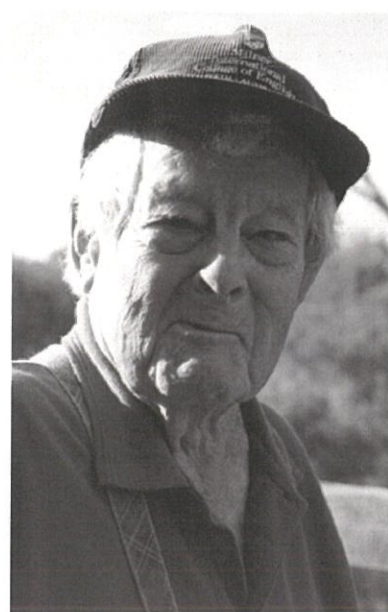


photo: Lucy Bromell
Roy Hookway . 1926 - 2011

Roy Hookway passed away on 14th August aged, 85

Roy and wife Etta purchased a block in Ashfield Parade in 1953 for £250. They had to clear the land and create access to the block before they could build. This required Roy to lay sleepers in the sand to create a track to get the building materials to the block. Much of the house was built by himself.

It took six years before they could move into the house. There were no roads at the time and Roy eventually transferred land frontage back to the council free so that a road could be built to allow for better access.

Roy originally trained as a scientific instrument maker but spent much of his

working life working in the Midland Rail Yards as a turner.

Living in Ashfield, Roy was at one time very involved with the local Ashfield Primary School helping to improve the sporting grounds and facilities there.

As a member of the Bassendean Preservation Group he also worked on improving the foreshore by planting trees and carting water to help keep them alive.

In his later years Roy was a familiar face walking his dog down along the river where he would always have time for a chat. He had many great stories to tell of the times he had spent growing up and living in Ashfield.

He will be sadly missed.

Christmas Celebration

BBQ Ashfield Parade Foreshore
Wednesday 14th December 2011. 5.30pm (TBC)
For all upcoming events please see our website for details

www.ashfieldcan.info

If you would like to become a member of the Ashfield Community Action Network email us at info.ashfieldcan.info or post this form to 289 Guildford Road. Maylands WA 6051

Name.....

Address

Signed

Date.....



Notes from:
Verna
Suburb Manager, Ashfield.
PH: 0432 563 800

During a brief phone call to Senior Sergeant Jason Longhorn at Kiara Police Station, he passed on the information that there had been no crimes in Ashfield for the week ending September 18th. He attributed this to the increasing growth of community awareness, largely due to the resurgence of Neighbourhood Watch.

Congratulations to all residents who are doing their bit to help reduce crime in our suburb.

Our previous newsletter contained tips for making your home less attractive to burglars. Below are some commonsense reminders for keeping yourself safe when out and about.

- Stay alert and aware of your surroundings at all times and walk with a friend or group wherever possible.
- Body language is important. Walk confidently at a steady pace.
- If you often walk alone, consider varying your route, so your routine is not easily identified.
- If using an ear phone or iPod keep the volume down low, so you can hear what is happening around you.
- Walk against the flow of traffic to prevent vehicles driving slowly alongside you.
- Avoid walking close to overgrown bushes or places where an offender could hide.
- If out at night, keep to busy well-lit areas where possible. If you feel at all unsafe, remove yourself from that area.
- Always let your family, friends or colleagues know where you are going, and when you hope to return.
- Plan ahead for getting home.

Ashfield Neighbourhood Watch will have a stand at the Dogs' Breakfast on Sunday October 16th.

We are hoping many more of our residents will take the opportunity to come and join us.

IMPRINT: The previous AshfieldCAN newsletter, dated August 2011 was the first newsletter produced and should have carried Vol 1, No.1.



Bill Busby - President

Ashfield Sports Club News



Ashfield Sports Club have just concluded their soccer season and finished 6th in the State League Division 1, which was a much improved position. We collected 32 points which was almost as many as we had earned in the previous three years.

Our ladies darts team finished the season as Premiers and we congratulate them for a successful season.

Currently the club is in the off season but that does not mean the work has stopped.

The club is building for next season.

Firstly is the introduction of a ladies soccer team. This will require coaches, administrators and of course players.

Secondly, is the introduction of junior soccer teams and thirdly the introduction of a Sunday Amateur League Soccer team.

The softball team is looking for new players in Ashfield and the darts team are keen to encourage people to play social and competition darts.

To make it easy to join the club we will have volunteers at the Dogs' Breakfast to assist anyone who wishes to get involved and play sport, be it football (soccer) mens / womens / juniors, softball (women's) or darts social and competitive. See us at the Dog's Breakfast on Sunday October 16th.

Contacts for Playing Sport:

Soccer –
Sean: 0404 806 745
Bill: 0419 330 424
Softball –
Phil: 0449 254 221
Michelle: 0439 433 499
Karen: 0430 210 164

These contacts will be at The Dog's Breakfast. Come and Talk to us and play sport in Ashfield.

For more information about anything in this newsletter and many other topics please see our website

www.ashfieldcan.info



John McNab training with his dogs Sammy and Sally.

Keeping your dog entertained and controlled is an important part of having a happy, healthy pet. Agility training and obedience training are two things that I caught up with John McNab from the Perth training and Obedience Dog club recently to find out more about what was involved with agility training.

John joined three years ago after coming home and finding his back yard looking like a war zone having been dug up by his new young dog.

Agility training is about motivating your dog through play and getting the dog to work with you while you teach it to attempt a series of obstacles. These obstacles include things such as jumps, in and outs, tunnels and see saws.

John believes it enhances your relationship with your dog and that your dog will be much more responsive to you having had such training.

The obstacles challenge the dog both mentally and physically and so the dog will feel well exercised after the training. It does require dedication but the results of having a happy healthy pet and a back garden still intact are well worth it!

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You're Invited

Dog's Breakfast

Join us at 9.30 am Sunday October 16th, Ashfield Flats, West Road near Sandy Beach

Come and join us for a breakfast cooked by the SES for a gold coin donation, do the walk trails, enter the competitions and enjoy the company. Watch the Dog agility crew from Perth Training and Obedience Dog Club demonstrate their skills and have a go yourself at taking your dog around the agility course.

If you want to take the sport further then there are opportunities to compete at regular trials and the club has national and international competitors within its ranks. A number of the members can be seen competing at the Perth Royal Show.

The agility training happens at the Ashfield Sports Reserve on Colstoun Road on Friday evenings during the school terms from 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Each training session last an hour.

There are classes for beginners, intermediates and advanced.

Each session cost \$2.00 to cover the cost of the lights. Club membership is \$40 per year.

Obedience training is on Wednesday nights in Victoria Park. For more details see www.perthtraining.com

Thank you to these local supporters of the Dog's Breakfast...

