

PUBLIC MEETING

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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

ASHFIELD SPORTS CLUB

(cnr Colstoun & Haig Sts)

ON

THURSDAY 26TH APRIL

AT

7.00PM

THE PURPOSE is to enlighten residents to the information on the Ashfield underground power project.

THE MAIN SPEAKERS will be

Tony Moore of Western Power (Co-ordinator of the project)

Michael Costarella, Director of Corporate Service (Finance & Administration, Town of Bassendean)

The Town of Bassendean Mayor, John Gangell and Councillors have also been invited.

YOUR QUESTIONS are welcome – in writing prior to 20/4/2012 to PO Box 337, Bassendean WA 6934, or at the meeting.

Ashfield History . . .

As possibly the only resident to be born and bred in Ashfield – I was born in the garage at the home I still live in, I reflect on a lifetime of living in Ashfield. I look back on a childhood full of adventure where shoes were optional and pockets were for carrying 'treasures' home. My mother never knew what to expect to come out of my pockets but I had an affinity for frogs and tadpoles. The bushland that extended from Fisher Street to Moojebing Street and Dorothy Street to Hardy Road with a creek running through from about Mons Street to nearly French Street was a child's wonderland. The bush had a number of different and distinct regions – from the paper bark trees in the lower swamp ground that provided materials for temporary cubby houses and boats to float in the creek, to trees for climbing and the occasional sighting of fairy spider orchids in the drier area at the top end, and finally to the hard packed sand 'pit' formed by the annual flooding of the area which was great for bike riding/racing around the tracks (at the corner of Pearson Street and Hardy Road). The bush also provided a number of animals to study, particularly goannas; it was not unusual to come across bob-tailed and blue-tongued goannas and on one memorable occasion, my sister was 'chased' home by a racehorse goanna.

Certainly, life was 'simpler' and children had far more freedom to roam than is possible today but at the same time children appeared to be less destructive and more responsible. There was no senseless destruction of the bush; no breaking of every branch that you passed and, indeed, the finding of a spider orchid only meant studying it but not picking it! A typical (non-school) day would consist of breakfast, then out to play, generally in the bush, until lunch time then back out again until 5 p.m. but 'heaven help' the child who said they were going one place and went somewhere else without calling in at home first to let mum know of the change!! And, of course, not to forget the Swan River, which was only an allowed playground once you were old enough and could



Quita Berry.

swim well enough. A favourite walk along the river edge was from Sandy Beach to as far as we could go, hopefully to River Road but as there were no marked paths it was a case of picking the easiest route and frequently meant walking barefoot through 'squishy' mud. Once I was mobile – I got my first bike at age 9 – my mother described my 'play ground' as Guildford Bridge to Garratt Road Bridge and Guildford Road to Great Eastern Highway. That is the strongest memory I have, that of freedom; I realise now how precious that was. Life was never boring and there was always something new to discover. The loss of most of the bushland in late 1963 with the new housing development and construction of Maley Street was a sad point in my childhood and something that future generations could no longer enjoy.



The Berry sisters and the Piachniaski brothers: (L to R) – Walter, Quita (me), Sheryl, Robert, Victor and Marcel in the front.

There was our favourite walk to the lolly factory on River Road, probably once a month, with a sixpence (equivalent to 5 cents today) or, at most a shilling (10 cents). A penny's worth of aniseed balls was a bowl full and lasted a long time, and lollipops and all-day suckers. There have been a lot of changes in my lifetime; we only had one shop – the corner shop, literally the door faced the corner of Colstoun (previously Coulston) and Guildford Roads operated by Mr Fred and Mrs Amy Wright and the railway crossing was on the road. Cyril Jackson High School wasn't built until 1963(?) and the Ashfield Reserve was a rubbish tip first! Once upon a time, I knew almost every person in Ashfield and a significant proportion of people in Bassendean, if not by name then by sight but sadly this is no longer true.

Thanks to Quita Berry for sharing her Ashfield experiences with us ...

Do you have an interesting Ashfield story?

We would love to hear from you at ashfield.info.com or at our postal address.

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

Name

Address

Email

Date Signed

I am often asked the question "What is Neighbourhood Watch and why should I join?".

Neighbourhood Watch is a joint police and community self-help programme, the aims of which are to help prevent crime and protect the safety, security and quality of life for everyone in our community. The goals are to reduce the fear of crime in our community by:

- Improving the quality of information passed on to police
- Improving the level of home security in the community
- Reducing preventable crime
- To encourage the marking of valuables to discourage theft and to assist in identifying recovered property. A special marker pen is available on loan for this purpose.

Why should I join?

Neighbourhood Watch is not a vigilante group. It is instead a valuable source of information for the local police. It may be that one piece of information which seems insignificant to you that could be the key to solving a crime. You, your neighbours, the wider community and the police working together can help to reduce crime. It takes a little effort to make a criminal's life more difficult. You and your neighbours have a good idea as to what constitutes normal activity in your area, whereas a police officer on patrol does not. Unfortunately, many people are reluctant on their own to report suspicious activity perhaps because they are unsure what action to take or they may fear their neighbours may be upset. By working together, good neighbours help to create happier, healthier and safer communities. So, come and join us and help make Ashfield an even greater place to live!

Gary Blanch Reserve

The AshtedCAN has approached the Town of Bassendean Council regarding the state of Gary Blanch Reserve hoping that ways can be found to improve the amenity of the park. While any upgrade is going to take some time we are hoping that a plan for improvement will be developed.

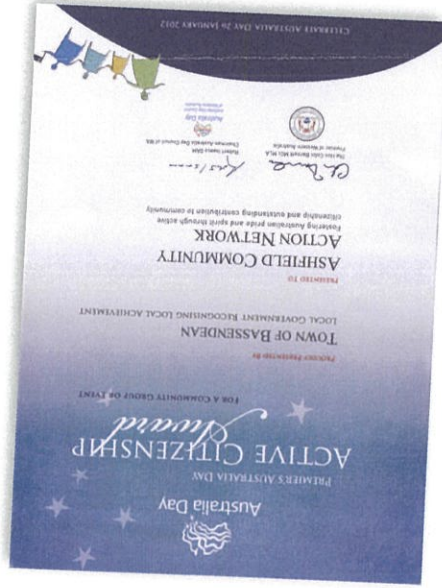
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21st April	Ashfield Vs Cockburn
5th May	Ashfield Vs Wanneroo
26th May	Ashfield Vs Forrestfield
2nd June	Ashfield Vs Swan
16th June	Ashfield Vs Mandurah

We are proud to announce that the AshfieldCAN has been recognised for its community work at the Australia Day Celebrations 2012 held at Ashfield Reserve by winning the Premiers Award for Active Citizenship in Bassendean.

The award was presented to Bill Busby, President of the AshfieldCAN by the Mayor of Bassendean, John Gangeall for all the hard work the AshfieldCAN has put into organising community events and encouraging community in Ashfield.

The Mayor spoke about the Ashfield Community Bench Project saying that it was a particularly successful community project made possible by a successful grant application for funds from the Community Arts Network of WA. This was a direct result of local resident and Artist



Lucy Bromell who developed the project, successfully applied for funds and worked with the community and Ashfield Primary School to design and make the benches. These benches are now installed and are a great community asset of the Town of Bassendean who also supported the project.

Want a splash of colour in your garden?
The AshfieldCAN is providing FREE everlasting seeds to residents again this year. If you would like some seeds to put in your front garden, please contact Lucy Bromwell on 0402 257 965 or at bromwell@lincsnet.net.au

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