

the Word

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What's on at your Library

11 November - Remembrance Day

22 November - A Lunchtime Interlude. Needle felted Christmas Gnomes.

1.30pm - 3.30pm. Meeting Room 1

27 November - LEGO league. Ages 5 - 12. 4.00pm to 5.00pm

28 November - Literary Salons in the Library proudly presents Molly Schmidt.

6.30pm - 7.30pm. Meeting Room 1

Craft group - every Friday
9.00am - 12.00 noon
Meeting room 1

Mahjong - every Tuesday
12.30pm - 2.30pm
6.00pm - 7.30pm

ESL classes; every Monday
5.00pm - 6.30pm
Meeting Room 1

Rhymetime - every Wednesday
11.00am.

Storytime - every Thursday
10.30am.

Justice of the Peace - Available for the first 4 Wednesdays of each month. 10.00am - 11.30am

Opening Hours

Monday 9am - 6pm

Tuesday 9am - 8pm

Wednesday 9am - 6pm

Thursday 9am - 6pm

Friday 9am - 5.30pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm

Closed Sundays and Public Holidays



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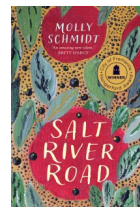


Literary Salons in the Library

proudly presents

Molly Schmidt

Salt River Road is a poignant exploration of healing and resilience, small-town racism and the power of human connection.



Tuesday 28 November 2023

6.30pm - 7.30pm



Please book via the QR code or the trybooking link below.

www.trybooking.com/CMKDF

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Lest We Forget



It is with great sadness we say goodbye to our Saturday Justice of the Peace service. We thank Suzan for all the time she has given to the community.

We are pleased to announce that we have a new JP for the Wednesday Witnessing Centre. This will be now be available the first 4 Wednesdays of each month.

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New Books

Check the Library website for New Titles in Stock, updated weekly.

Fiction

The night house / Jo Nesbo
 Stop them dead / Peter James
 The seven / Chris Hammer
 Holly / Stephen King
 No country for girls / Emma Styles
 Summer of blood / Dave Warner
 The running grave / Robert Galbraith
 Geneva / Richard Armitage
 The Kamogawa food detectives / Hisashi Kashiwai
 Wreck the halls / Tessa Bailey
 Lighthouse Bay / Fiona McArthur
 Take me home / Karly Lane
 Jillaroo from Jacaranda / Mandy Magro
 Gum Tree Gully / Mandy Magro



Non Fiction

Korean home cooking / Jina Jung
 Life as we know it / Aisha Dow
 My life as a Jew / Michael Gawenda
 A therapeutic journey / Alain de Botton
 The year I met my brain / Matilda Boseley
 My mother's eyes / Shanelle Dawson
 The fall : the end of the Murdoch empire / Michael Wolff
 Slavic kitchen alchemy / Zuza Zak
 Conflict / General David Petraeus
 Fake history / Jo Hedwig Teeuwisse
 Faking it / Toby Walsh



New DVDs

TV Series

London kills : series 1 & 2



Book Club: The Next Chapter (2023)

Four best friends take their book club to Italy for the fun girls trip they never had. When things go off the rails and secrets are revealed, their relaxing vacation turns into a once-in-a-lifetime cross-country adventure.

This is the sequel to Book Club.

Snapshots from Home by Sasha Wasley. (2023)

It's 1917 when Edie takes a teaching job in the small Western Australian town of York, while mourning the loss of her beloved brother in the Great War, and evading her father's plans for a respectable marriage. After a little persuasion, she agrees to take part in a comfort scheme sending photos of home to the troops. Edie's new venture throws her into the path of the family secret, scandals and class complexities of her new town – and a handsome, exasperating man her father would never approve of. Her world becomes bigger and more complex until Edie is asked to make choices that could turn her cautious life upside down...

I was super excited to read this one not only because I have greatly enjoyed the author's previous novels, but I also had the pleasure of hearing the author talk about it in person, pre-publication, a couple of years ago. It did not disappoint; in fact, I think it's the author's best work yet. From beginning to end I was captivated by Edie's story. I appreciate stories that make me want to look more into real history – I spent some time after this one looking into conscription, hand-painted photographs, and the Snapshots from Home program. I was completely engrossed in Edie's personal growth journey and cheered her on internally as she opened her mind to the arguments against war, all while dealing with her cruel father. I loved this story and as an aside, the cover is absolutely stunning.

Overall: one of my top books of 2023 – a 5 out of 5 star read for me.

Highly recommend!

- One Woman's brief book reviews



Local Studies Collection

Women and War Service- AWLA Phyllis Ptolomey

Australian Women's Land Army Service

Former Bassendean resident the late Phyllis Ptolomey, served in the Australia Women's Land Army, joining aged sixteen after seeing an advertisement in the Kalgoorlie Miner newspaper. Phyllis May Ptolomey (nee Nye) was born in 1927, the daughter of Alfred W. Nye and May Keirle. Mrs Phyllis Ptolomey died in 2019 aged 92. Training for the WA Women's Land Army was at Fairbridge Farm and this was where reunions were held after the war.



"I was in the first group to go to Fairbridge Farm from July to August 1943. I didn't know any of them but they were a good crowd of girls. Some were older and some had worked on farms. But there was a few of us that were just rookies....Lawley Cottage [at Fairbridge Farm] was the cottage we were in, the nearest one to the dairy. The cottage was weatherboard, it wasn't lined. You had a pot belly stove in the recreation room. It was like a sitting room and had tables where you could write, and then a little verandah. It was nice and there was 11 of us. ...I had a list of what to take with me - men's pyjamas because they reckoned they were warmer. I don't think they wanted us to have frilly things because going to Fairbridge Farm,

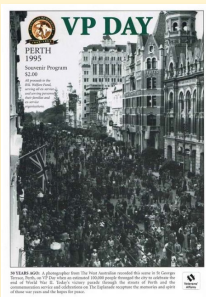
boys and girls were around there. On the list was sheets, pairs of sheets, pillow, covering rug oh gee, and a couple of bath towels and so off I went. First time away from home."

Until the Boys Return : A History of the Australian Women's Land Army (WA Division) 1942-1945 by Juliet Ludborok. [pp.68-70](#)

"The first time I learnt to handle a horse...being short.. it was a big horse. I had to get up on the gate to get my leg over and sit on the saddle and one of the cheeky boys hit it on the rump and it went off. Here I am like... hanging on like grim death. But I managed to stay on."

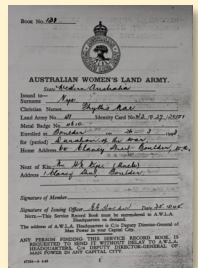
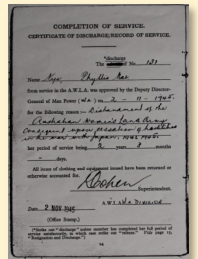
Until the Boys Return : A History of the Australian Women's Land Army (WA Division) 1942-1945 by Juliet Ludborok. [pp.77](#)

Australia Remembers 1995



On 13th August 1995 the Australia Remembers Victory Parade [had] the AWLA represented. Ten ex- Land Army girls rode on a tractor driven hay cart dressed in bib and brace overalls and slough hats supplied by the Department of Veteran's Affairs and as Hilda Grey recalls, "we quote stole the show." Phyl Ptolomey recalls, the Department of Veterans Affairs was responsible at the time for finally bringing the AWLA "into the limelight" and members were subsequently invited to many DVA events.

Until the Boys Return : A History of the Australian Women's Land Army (WA Division) 1942-1945 by Juliet Ludborok. [pp.204-205](#)



Local Studies Collection November 2023 Reading Challenge

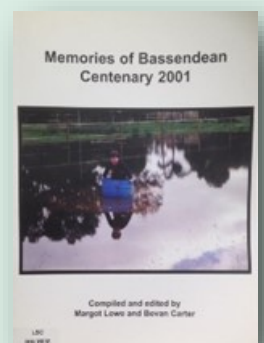
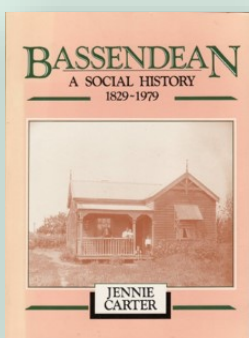
Local History

[A History of Bassendean](#) (1947) by Alf Thomas

[Bassendean : A brief History](#) by Jennie Carter

[West Guildford and Bassendean](#) 1902-1954 - Pictorial Timeline

[Origins of Street Names](#) in the Town of Bassendean



Notice Board



The Eastern Regional RSL Sub-Branch, supported by the Town of Bassendean, will hold a Remembrance Day service at **10.15am** on

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER at the Bassendean War Memorial, cnr Guildford Road and Wilson Street, Bassendean. At 11am on Remembrance Day each year, Australians observe one minute of silence in memory of those who died or suffered in wars and armed conflicts.

Accessibility information:

The pickup/drop-off point is on the pavement, located at the base of the James Street Cul-de-Sac, next to the Bassendean Child Health Centre.

The nearest accessible parking bays are available at the front of 35 Old Perth Road and between 41 and 43 Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

Toilets are located inside the Bassendean Community Hall.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Free English classes in the Library

Bassendean Memorial Library invites adults whose first language is not English to join our free English classes.

Our weekly sessions are run by an experienced ESL teacher on

Monday evenings

5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Register your interest at the Library information desk or call us on

9279 2966



Call today to make a free appointment!
9279 2966

Books on Wheels Service

Our Housebound Book Delivery Service is happy to deliver to patrons who are unable to come to the Library.

Deliveries are fortnightly or monthly.

Available to Town of Bassendean residents only.




at Bassendean Memorial Library



Come along and free build, have a go at LEGO Classic build or maybe complete some LEGO challenges based on a monthly theme. The choice is yours as we go crazy for ALL THINGS LEGO! This is a non-competitive, fun, easy going build session for children aged 5- 12yrs. It is requested that parents and carers are in attendance to help build and supervise when necessary.

All our LEGO sessions are on the last Monday of the month-school term times.

4.00pm - 5.00pm

February 27	July 31
March 27	August 28
April 24	October 30
May 29	November 27
June 26	

Disclaimer- All sessions will adhere to current government health mandates. Time and date were correct when posted but may be subject to change.

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The Town of Bassendean acknowledges the Nyongar people as traditional owners of this land and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respects to them, to their culture and to their Elders, past, present and emerging.



Summer is almost here and we would just like to remind patrons to not put your library books in your bag with your drink bottles, keeping them away from possible spills. If your items are returned in a damaged state, you may have to pay replacement costs.

Wet books can lead to mould, which is dangerous if exposure occurs.