



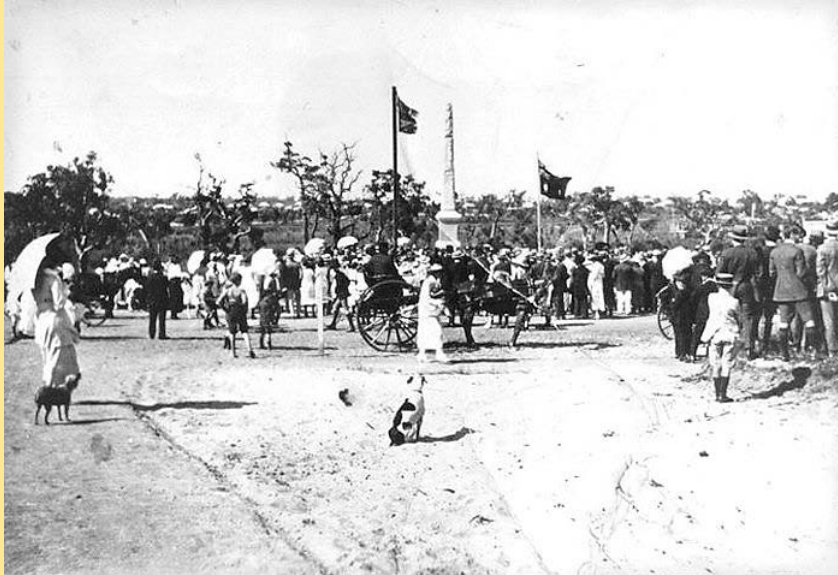
Bassendean Memorial Library
Local Studies Collection

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Bassendean Memorial Library



The Bassendean Memorial Library is located on the original site of the Bassendean War Memorial, on the corner of Wilson Street and Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

The Bassendean Memorial Library was established in 1971 and the War Memorial was relocated to further along Old Perth Road.

The current Bassendean Memorial Library was opened in November 2005.



Origins of the Local Studies Collection

The Bassendean Local Studies Collection originated in 1986 with the deposit of Jennie Carter's research material gathered for her social history of Bassendean, a book commissioned and published by the Town of Bassendean.

BASSENDEAN A SOCIAL HISTORY 1829~1979



JENNIE
CARTER

The Local Studies Collection

“A valuable repository about the development, society and culture of the Bassendean, Ashfield and Eden Hill communities, in which historical and current materials relating to the geographical, sociological, educational, cultural, economic and political aspects of the area are collected.”



The Local Studies Collection

The Local Studies Collection contains council and community information.

It includes biographical information about former councillors and members of the community.

It contains books, pamphlets, diaries, letters, local government archives, maps, photographs, oral history tapes and transcripts, microfiche, videotapes, maps, newspapers, periodicals and ephemera.



How to find information in the Local Studies Collection

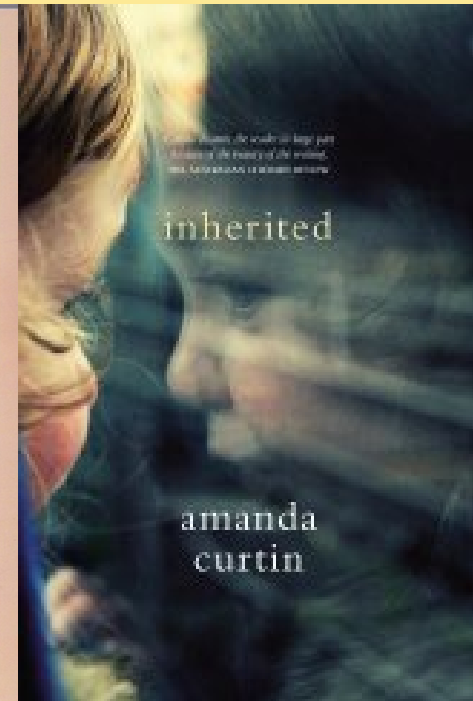
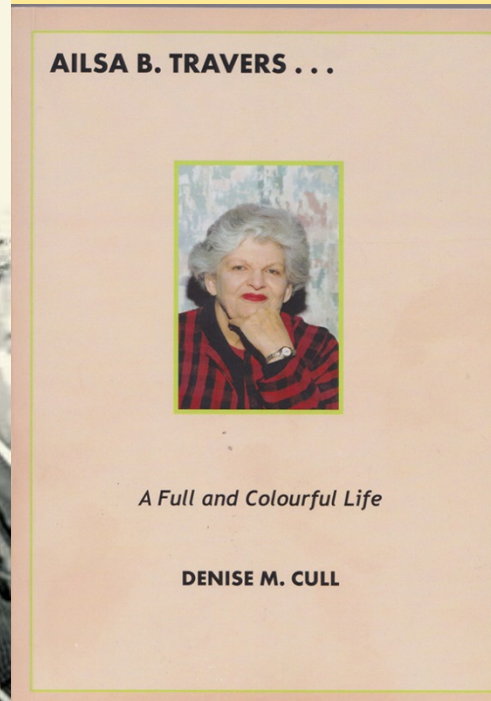
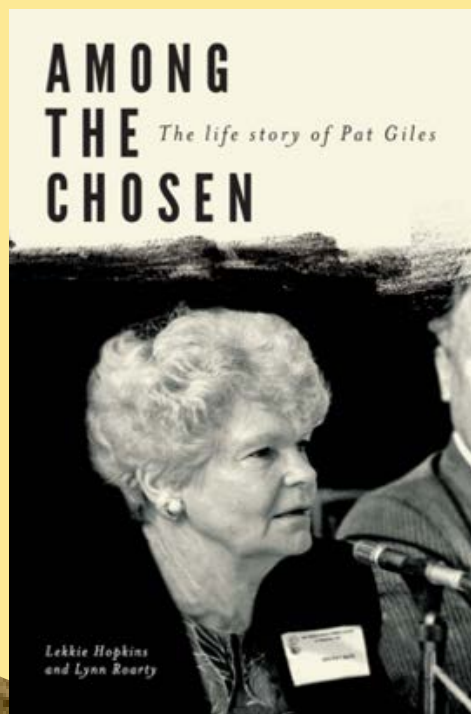
- Search for information in the Local Studies Collection by using the [Library Catalogue](#).
- Do an advanced search (tick the box) and limit your search to the Local Studies Collection or Pictures or Serial Index.
- Search for information about people with a title search and the words biography file and the surname of the person or family.
- Weekly relevant newspaper articles are indexed into the Library Catalogue.
- Service records for soldiers listed on the Bassendean War Memorial are also held in printed format.
- New information is constantly being added to the Local Studies Collection.

Local Authors

Did you know that works by local authors are held in the Local Studies Collection?

Such work can be fictional, historical and autobiographical or biographical. For example:

- Poetry by Arthur Leggett
- Fiction by Amanda Curtin
- Biographies about Pat Giles and Ailsa Travers



Family History and Genealogy

- Are you interested in family history?
- Free family history charts are available and advice on your research strategy by the Local Studies Librarian is provided.
- Access to Ancestry.com is available in the Local Studies Collection Research Room.

Genealogical research advice is provided by the Local Studies Librarian to members of the public.

 **ancestry.com.au**



Memorial Research Unit

The Memorial Research Unit was established by the Bicentennial Committee (1988) to research and centralise information about war service by members of the local community.

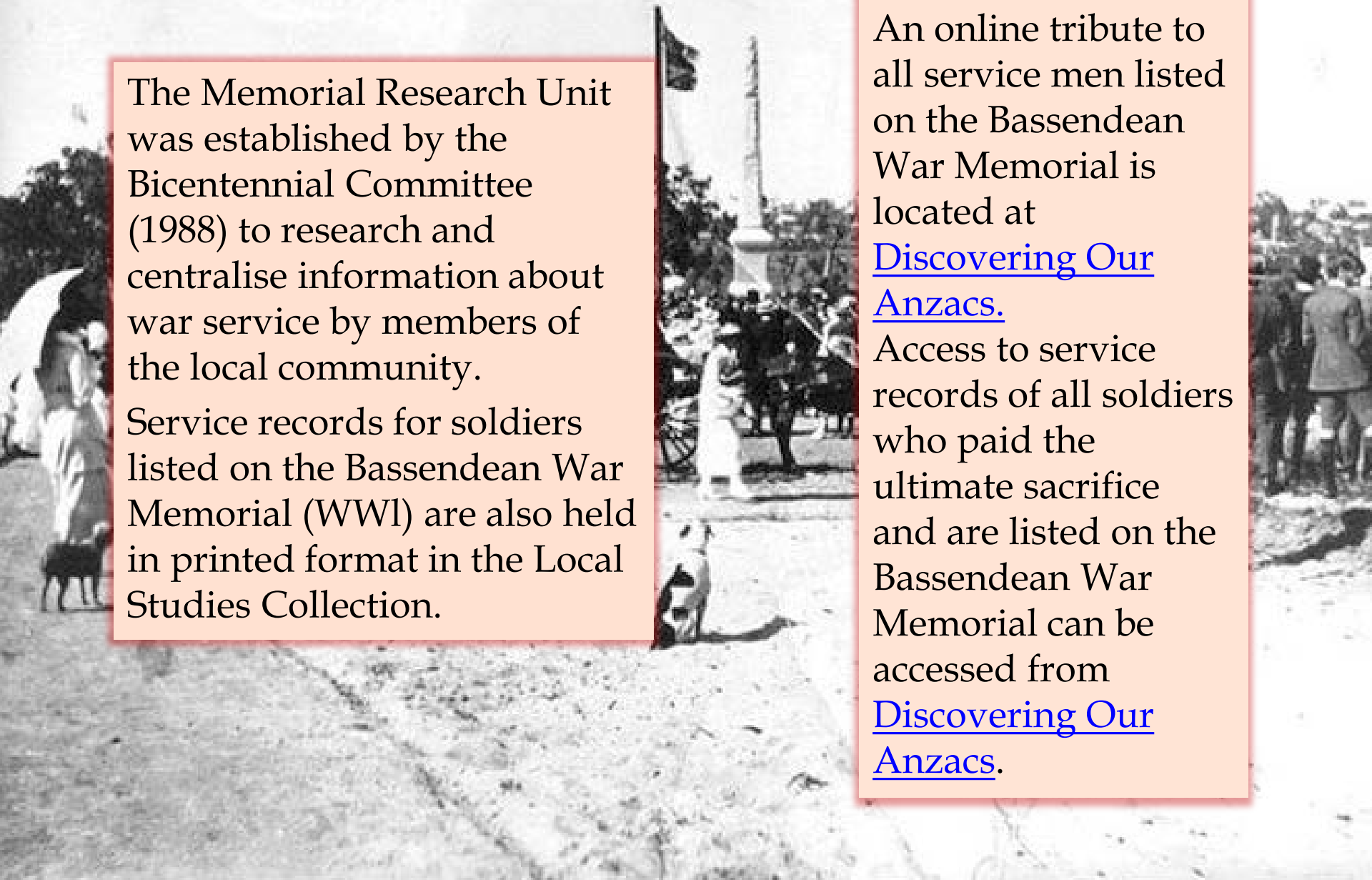
Service records for soldiers listed on the Bassendean War Memorial (WWI) are also held in printed format in the Local Studies Collection.

An online tribute to all service men listed on the Bassendean War Memorial is located at

[Discovering Our Anzacs.](#)

Access to service records of all soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice and are listed on the Bassendean War Memorial can be accessed from

[Discovering Our Anzacs.](#)



Council Publications

- Current Town of Bassendean publications such as Annual Reports, Council Minutes and latest plans for community consultation are available on the Town's website.
- Printed Annual Reports are in the Local Studies Collection.
- Town of Bassendean Council Minutes in printed format are in the Local Studies Collection from 1989 onwards to the present.



BASSENDEAN TOWN COUNCIL

Bassendean Town Council



Annual Report

For the Year Ended
30th June, 1978

PRESENTED TO THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS
HELD IN THE BASSENDEAN COMMUNITY HALL
ON THURSDAY 1st MARCH 1979

Local Studies Collection

- The Local Studies Collection has a dedicated area in the Bassendean Memorial Public Library which includes a Research Room for library patrons.
- Volunteers assist with indexing early rate books onto a computer programme.



Can You Help?

- Is your family represented in the Local Studies Collection?
- Have you written your story of growing up or living in Bassendean?
- Your church?
- Your sporting group?
- Your school?
- Local landmarks?



Bassendean Memorial Library
46 Old Perth Road, Bassendean 6054
www.bassendean.wa.gov.au/library

Local Studies Collection

Bassendean's Memory Makers

The Town of Bassendean invites you to share your memories of the early days of West Guildford and Bassendean. Your stories and photographs will help us to build our Local Studies Collection and preserve the rich history of our community.

My Family

I remember

Always wanted... Donations!

- Documents relating to Bassendean, Eden Hill and Ashfield such as local restaurant menus, newspapers, tickets to sporting and social events, post cards, letters, memoirs, receipts, maps, pamphlets, brochures, fliers, cookbooks and any books!
- Also any photographs depicting life in Bassendean - geographical, sociological, educational, cultural, economic and political.



Free Publication!

How To Trace the History of Your House: A Brief Guide by Carol Leigh

This guide has been compiled to assist you in the process of tracing your house- the types of sources you will need to check and organisations to visit are listed.

