

TOWN OF BASSENDEAN NOONGAR HISTORY

The Town of Bassendean was founded on the lands of the Noongar people who have been the traditional owners of this land, or Boodja, since before time immemorial.

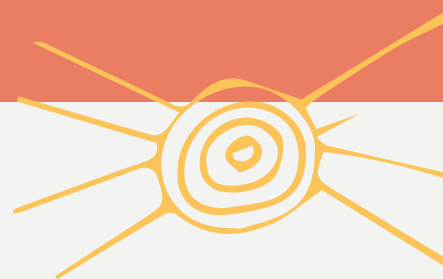
This area has a long history of being traditional camping and hunting grounds of the Noongar people and a significant meeting place. It was known as a place of plentiful spring water, good fishing and abundant waterfowl. Travellers came through on their way to high ground for ceremony and to catch up with extended family.

The Town of Bassendean has 9 registered Aboriginal sites and 19 associated sites such as Success Hill Reserve, Broadway Reserve (Nyibra Swamp), the Swan River (Derbarl Yerrigan) and

Helena River. These places inspire stories of cultural significance about the “Nyitting” (the cold time) Dreaming and provide ongoing connections to country for current generations.

Through oral history traditions and accounts by early settlers, the most resonant story is the Wagyl which travelled from the hills to the ocean and created the Derbarl Yerrigan (Swan River). One of its resting places on this journey was at the bend of the river at Guildford under Success Hill.

The Town has always been a place where people came to stay and live or visit family and it’s still that way today, including many Aboriginal families who have a deep connection to this land. It’s an ongoing journey to build relationships that create more understanding and provide insight into what it means to live together on shared country.



COMMUNITY SUPPORT OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

As we approach the festive season, be aware of how you are feeling and reach out for assistance. Contact these services below if you need support.

Service	Website	Phone	Service Offered
Crisis Care	www.dcp.wa.gov.au/CrisisAndEmergency/Pages/CrisisCare.aspx	(08) 9223 1111 or 1800 199 008	Your first call in a crisis for urgent help for children at risk, domestic violence and homelessness.
Mental Health Support	www.mhc.wa.gov.au/getting-help/helplines/mental-health-response-line/	1300 555 788	Mental health emergency in the community – including individuals, families/carers.
Lifeline	www.lifeline.org.au/	13 11 14	Crisis support and suicide prevention.
Beyond Blue	www.beyondblue.org.au/	1300 22 4636	Mental health.
Mens helpline	www.mensline.org.au/	1300 78 99 78	Counselling support service offering support 24/7.
Domestic violence	www.dcp.wa.gov.au/CrisisAndEmergency/Pages/DomesticViolenceHelplines.aspx	1800 007 339	Womens helpline.
		1800 000 599	Mens helpline.
WA Connect	www.waconnect.org.au/	1800 979 777	Free-call emergency relief and food access service is here to support you in identifying and applying for emergency relief.
Blue Sky Community Group	www.blueskygroup.com.au	(08) 9376 9999	Financial services, information, support & referrals, food, legal services, accommodation, christmas hampers.
Headspace Midland	www.headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/midland/	(08) 9274 8860	Headspace Midland is a free and confidential service that provides support to young people aged 12-25 with health & wellbeing.
Salvation Army	www.salvationarmy.org.au/morley/what-we-offer/	(08) 9279 4500	Emergency relief.

