

# The Word

## What's on at your Library

Issue 160 January 2026

### 9 Jan - Meet Helping Minds - Pop Up Stall

10:00am - 3:00pm - Library foyer

### 14 Jan - Literary Salons - Paul Grace

5:45pm - 7:30pm - In the Library

### 21 Jan - Ocean Discovery Workshop

1:00pm - 2:00pm - Meeting room 1

2:20pm - 3:20pm - Meeting room 1

### 26 Jan - Australia Day

Closed on Monday - Public Holiday

### 29 Jan - Sunbeams and me - Einsteins Australia

10:00am - 11:00am - Meeting room 1

### JP - first 4 Wednesdays

10:00am - 11:30am - Meeting room 2

### Mahjong - every Tuesday

12:30pm - 2:30pm - Meeting room 1

6:00pm - 7:30pm - Meeting room 1

### Craft group - every Friday

9:00am - 12noon - Meeting room 1



As we turn the page into a brand-new year, we are excited to begin another chapter together with you - our wonderful community of readers, learners, and explorers.

Let's make 2026 a chapter to remember!

### BIGGEST BORROWING DAY

On 1 June, a whopping 376 books went home with readers in just one day!

### MOST POPULAR EVENT

Children's Book Week stole the spotlight, with 305 attendees across 3 author visits!

### MOST PHONE CALLS

September kept us chatting, with 614 phone enquiries, our busiest month on the lines.

## BASSENDEAN MEMORIAL LIBRARY: YEAR IN REVIEW

### MOST BORROWED BOOKS

1. The Waiting - Michael Connelly (32 borrows)
2. We Solve Murders - Richard Osman (30 borrows)
3. The Dark Wives - Ann Cleeves (25 borrows)

Thank you to everyone who visited, borrowed, learnt and laughed with us this year. You are the beating heart of our Library. Bring on 2026!

### BUSIEST MONTH

July took the crown with a huge 9,225 patrons walking through our doors! Winter reads clearly hit their stride.

## Bassendean Memorial Public Library

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### Opening Hours

Monday 9am - 5:30pm

Tuesday 9am - 5:30pm

Wednesday 9am - 5:30pm

Thursday 9am - 5:30pm

Friday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 9am - 1pm



Closed Sundays and Public Holidays



**Paul Grace**  
**Wednesday, 14th January 2026**  
**5:45pm - 7:30pm**

Bassendean Memorial Library invites you to join us for a look into a dark chapter of Australia's history for January's Literary Salon...

**Paul Grace** will be sharing his nonfiction exploration of Great Britain's atomic tests in WA's Montebello Islands **Operation Hurricane**.



Light refreshments provided  
Booking essential via QR code or booking link

**Book now:** <https://events.humanitix.com/a-literary-salon-with-paul-grace/tickets>



## Local Studies Collection

## Image in Focus

This is the 'Yellow Cab' Set in 1926.

In 1927 they were awarded Best Poster Set at the Ugly Mens Association Bassendean Branch Fancy dress ball.

The Yellow Cabs were introduced into Perth around this time and promised to be cheaper and safer means of transportation.



"Yellow Cab" set formed by the Girls Friendly Society of Guildford.

L to R (boys): Norm Pickering, unidentified, Allen Hoare, Stan Jones.

L to R (girls): Mabel Vaughan, Florrie Vaughan, Rose Bowden, Dora Chester.

We have one of the donated dresses safely tucked away in storage!

*Find this picture and more online in the Bassendean Memorial Library Catalogue!*

## Exciting Update: Borrow New Books as Soon as They Arrive!

We're moving away from a system where new books are displayed for reservation and introducing a process that allows patrons to borrow them immediately upon arrival.

This change brings several benefits:

- More borrowing opportunities – You can take home new titles as soon as they hit our shelves.
- No waiting times – Enjoy the latest releases without delay.
- Better collection insights – Your borrowing choices help us understand what's popular and guide future selections.
- Reduced staff workload – means more time for great service.

What's staying the same?

- New titles will still be featured on our display shelves, so you can browse visually.
- All new arrivals will continue to be listed in our New Books brochure and website, so you won't miss a thing.

We're thrilled to make your library experience even better!

## New Books and DVDs

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



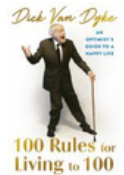
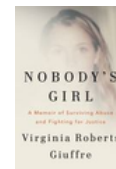
### Adult Non-Fiction

**Australian gospel : a family saga** / Lech Blaine

**Sociopath : a memoir** / Patric Gagne

**Nobody's girl : a memoir of surviving abuse and fighting for justice** / Virginia Roberts Giuffre

**100 rules for living to 100 : an optimist's guide to a happy life** / Dick Van Dyke



### Adult Fiction

**The break in** / Katherine Faulkner

**Wild dark shore** / Charlotte McConaghy

**The hiding place** / Kate Mildenhall

**The adventuress of Albany** / Darryl Fraser

**The endless sky** / by Di Morrissey

**The lost lover** / Karen Swan

**The heir apparent** / Rebecca Armitage

**Rumour has it** / Karly Lane



### Junior and YA Fiction

**I'll find where the timeline ends** / Kylie Lee Baker - YA

**Wings of starlight** / Allison soft - YA

**The Baby-Sitters club** - Graphic novel series

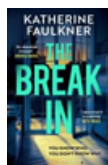
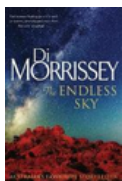
**Minecraft** - Graphic novel series

**Kitty quest** - Graphic novel series

**Wings of Fire** - Graphic novel series

**Gladiator Goddess** / Morgan H Owen - YA

**The Sad Ghost Club** - Graphic novel series - YA



## Book Review

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### The Hollow girl by Lyn Yeowart

An expansive and vivid story that wells up from a dark place in history. A tale of lies and betrayal that will make you angry and keep you up at night. Lyn Yeowart is a writer to be reckoned with, and her latest release is one of the best crime novels of the year.

