

# the Word

Bassendean Memorial Public Library

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Newsletter

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**Dear Patrons** 

What a start to February! It helps us to realise how lucky we have been in our state with no community transmission. It has however, required us to make some changes. Barring no community transmission, wearing a mask in the Library will be mandatory until 14 February, 2021. Signing in when you enter is also mandatory. We have also suspended all events and activities, such as Rhymetime, Storytime, craft group, ESL classes and Book Club.

Please help keep everyone safe by following these rules and remember to sanitise regularly.

We thank you for co-operation!

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Protect yourself and others by wearing a face covering correctly.









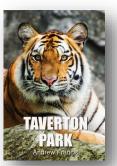


Safer Internet Day is an opportunity to raise awareness about the role we can all play in creating a better internet.

For Safer Internet Day we will be having a special virtual Storytime session with the book **Swoosh, Glide and Rule Number 5**, to explore online safety with young children.

Thursday 11 February 2021 10.30am

Available from our Facebook page



The Library is proud to be hosting the book launch of Taverton Park
By debut local author Andrew Francis
Monday 15 February, 2021 at 10am in Children's library.

Please note that access will be restricted to the children's area at this time.

The book will be available for purchase on the day.

# Contact register



From Saturday, December 5, particular WA businesses and venues will be required to maintain a mandatory contact register for staff and patrons. Bassendean Memorial Library is one of the venues that falls under this mandate.

Please turn to the last page for FAQs and details on how to register.

# What's on at your Library

**6 February** - Justice of the Peace at the Library; 9.15am-11:00am

**15 February** - Taverton Park by Andrew Francis book launch.

**22 February** - LEGO league. Ages 5 - 12. 4.00pm to 5.00pm

**25 February** - Science Mum. Ages 5 - 9. 4.00pm to 5.00pm

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

ESL classes; every Monday -Beginners 5.00pm Intermediate 5.30pm

Rhymetime; every Tuesday & Wednesday 11.00 am

Storytime; every Thursday - 10.30am

# **EFTPOS**

is now available at the Library





# Books 2 U

# **Books 2 U**

We deliver Books 2 U.
Our Housebound Book
Delivery Service is happy
to deliver to patrons who
are unable to come to the
Library.

Monthly deliveries - last Thursday and Friday of the month.

Events can also be booked by ringing 9279 2966 or coming into the Library

# **New DVDs**

# **New Books**

## **Movies**

Mulan Where'd you go, Bernadette Lean on Pete

The secret garden

**Tenet** 

The lighthouse

The personal history of

**David Copperfield** 

The trouble with you

Who you think I am

I used to go here

Kiss the girls

Hard kill

Claire Darling

After we collided

The champagne murders

Bill & Ted face the music

The secrets we keep

Come away

Calm with horses

Babyteeth

Acute misfortune

Under the Silver Lake



# **TV Series**

The crown: season 3 Orange is the new black:

season 7

Westworld: season 3

Wentworth: season 8.

Part 1

Vera: series 9 & 10

Call my agent

Russian doll: season 1

Shades of blue:

season 1 - 3

The outsider

Halifax: retribution

The trouble with Maggie

Cole

# **Non Fiction**



They shall not grow old The girl on the bridge Slim & I Faces places



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

### **Fiction**

Tightrope / Amanda Quick A Chet and Bernie mystery Series / Spencer Quinn Flight risk / Cara Putman Someone to romance / Mary Balogh A single spark / Judith Miller Tranquillity Falls / Davis Bunn Hadley Beckett's next dish / Bethany Turner Children of the stars / Mario Escobar

# **Juvenile fiction**

Sholly Fisch

THE GOOD

Klawde: evil alien warlord cat / Johnny Marciano Scooby-Doo! team-up. Doomed! /

The water keeper / Charles Martin

Virtual unicorn experience / Dana Simpson

The Ickabog / J. K. Rowling



perience

Fern works at her local library and has dinner with her twin sister, Rose, three nights a week. She avoids crowds, bright lights and loud noises. Fern has a carefully structured life and disrupting her

routine can be...dangerous. When Rose

discovers she cannot fall pregnant, Fern sees her chance to pay her sister back for everything Rose has done for her. Fern can have a baby for Rose; she just needs to find a father - simple. Fern's mission will shake the foundations of the life she has carefully built for herself and stir up dark secrets from the past...

I started this one on Christmas Day night after festivities and then finished it Boxing Day night after festivities; it was so good that I just had to read it through my exhaustion haha! I loved the guirky Fern as a lead character, and I particularly loved that she was a librarian. I really enjoyed her developing relationship and interactions with Wally (who is really Rocco, but Fern insists on calling him Wally). Rose was, in a word, intense. We experience Rose's perspective in the form of journal entries that indicate she and Fern had a really rough childhood where Rose was always protecting Fern and this behaviour has continued into adulthood. However, nothing is as it seems...

Overall I thought this was a very clever family domestic drama with a thriller touch to it. I would highly recommend this compelling and engaging novel. BG

# **Local Studies Collection**

# 1 Surrey Street, Bassendean - Pensioner Guard Cottage.

The oldest building still standing in Bassendean is a two room cottage completed in 1856 or early 1857 by convicts for Pensioner Guard John Law Davis, a former private in the East India Company. It was one of four brick homes built on two-acre blocks facing Surrey Street that had been set aside late in 1854 for a Pensioner Guard 'village'.

Lieutenant Edmund Du Cane of the Royal Engineers, who was in charge of organising convict labour for public works in the Guildford district, had responsibility for building two-roomed dwellings on the lots. The Pensioner Guards assigned to the cottages could claim ownership of the lot and the house erected on it after seven years'

occupation.

Six children were born to John Law Davis and his wife Amelia (nee Wood), who were married in Guildford in July 1856. John obtained title to the land and cottage on 28 November 1864 and died in July 1870. Amelia remarried in 1873 to John Bates and the couple lived in the cottage where two more children were born. In 1893, Amelia sold the block to Edmund Brockman who on sold it to his daughter Frances and her husband Aubrey Brown.

Frances and Aubrey built a large residence on Lot P114 in 1893 and the cottage became part of the property, linked to it by a verandah. The cottage ceased to be a home and for many years it was mostly used for storage or left empty. The almost two acre lot was not subdivided until 1976 when the land containing the house and the cottage became lot 50

of Guildford Town Lot P114.

Purchased by the Town of Bassendean in 1988, the Pensioner Guard Cottage has been opened by the Bassendean Historical Society since 1993, after restoration. In March 1987, the cottage was added to the register of the National Trust of Western Australia. In 1991, it was added to the Register of the National Estate and in September 1994, it was permanently included in the State Register of Heritage Places.



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(Information from: Carter, Jennie Bassendean: a social history 1829-1979. Town of Bassendean, 1986, and Bush, Fiona Archaeological management plan for no.1 Surrey Street prepared for the Town of Bassendean October 2016. Fiona Bush Heritage & Archaeology, 2016.)

# Join in eServices

# Take the challenge!

Welcome to our Book Challenge for 2021. The rules are simple, all you do is read a book in each category.

You can choose any title that fits the category, in any format.

# Genre of the month

January Australian author

February Romance

March The classics

April Award winning

May 'Chick lit'

June West Australian author

July Indigenous author

August Science Fiction/Fantasy

September Young Adult

October Horror / Paranormal

November Thriller / Adventure

December Christmas setting

Check our 'Good Reads' display each month for suggestions.



Call today to make a free appointment!

# New to the digital world?

Did you just get a new phone or Tablet?

# Looking for an update to your technology skills?

Do you feel like your computer/ tablet/laptop/phone skills need some updating?

Our trainers are available to help you with personalised one hour sessions.

# Where can I find Support?

Never feel alone. Support is just a phone away. **Beyond Blue** 1300 224 636

**Kids Helpline** 1800 551 800

**Lifeline** 13 11 14

Department of Health Healthy WA 1800 551 800

# **Notice board**

## SafeWA covid-19 app FAQ

# Why do I have to provide my contact details when I visit businesses/venues?

Your personal details are being collected to support public health efforts to reduce the risk of an uncontrolled COVID-19 outbreak in WA.

The WA Government is requiring particular businesses to record the contact details of each person who attends their premises. This will help the Department of Health to quickly and easily contact people who may have been in the same location, at the same time, as a person who tests positive to COVID-19 (this is the process known as contact tracing).



### 1. DOWNLOAD & OPEN

Download the SafeWA app from the Google Play or App store.





### 2. SCAN QR CODES

Use the app to scan our QR codes at each relevant entry. Don't have a smart phone? Ask a staff member for alternative check-in option.



### 3. SHOW

Present your SafeWA check-in pass to staff upon entry.

# What information will businesses be collecting?

Businesses will collect your name and phone number, and record the location, date and your arrival time at the venue.

# What about people who don't have a smartphone?

Businesses are required to cater for people who may not have a smartphone or don't want to use the QR code technology. Patrons will have the option of providing their contact details on a paper-based contact register when they arrive at the venue/premises.



# Free English classes in the Library

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

Monday evenings from 3 August, 2020.

5.00 pm - 5.30 pm for beginners 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm for Intermediate

Register your interest at the Library information desk or call us on 9279 2966.

# Your Suggestions Please!

We're inviting you to help build our collection by telling us what you want to watch & read.

Look for the forms at our information desk, fill it in and post in our Library Post Box.

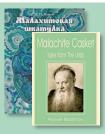
Remember to include your name so we can reserve it to you.

When a work's copyright expires, it enters the public domain. 2021 sees some cultural icons entering public domain including these titles in January/February.

Animal Farm and Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell, Man and Superman, Pygmalion and Saint Joan by George Bernard Shaw and The Malachite Box by Pavel Bazhov.







### **Bassendean Memorial Public Library**

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# **Opening Hours**

Monday 9am - 6pm Tuesday 9am - 6pm Wednesday 9am - 6pm Thursday 9am - 6pm Friday 9am - 5.30pm Saturday 9am - 1pm Closed Sundays and Public Holidays

