



EDEN HILL COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK

Promoting a safe, connected and culturally vibrant community

GREENING MARY CRESCENT RESERVE

Image: Artists impression, indicative only



OUR PARK, OUR PLACE
COME AND HAVE YOUR
SAY ABOUT MARY
CRESCENT RESERVE
SATURDAY 21 MARCH
2PM TO 5PM

Mary Crescent Reserve is set for some exciting changes under a new project that aims to increase urban greening.

The Our Park, Our Place collaborative project is responding to the challenge of Perth's warming suburbs by helping residents reconnect with local parks and learn about how to create cool green spaces. Four parks in some of Perth's warmest council areas – Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont and Canning - on the traditional lands of the Noongar people - will be the focus of the project.

Town of Bassendean has chosen Mary Crescent Reserve as their target site for the project. Over the next two years, Greening Australia and the Town of Bassendean will work together with people in the local community to transform parts of the reserve into an attractive place for people and wildlife. This will likely include the restoration of the wetland area in collaboration with Water Corporation.

Social scientists The Behaviour Change Collaborative, landscape architects, local councils

and Greening Australia are working together in a unique collaboration to ensure the project produces long-term social and environmental benefits. Lotterywest has provided major support with a grant of more than \$570,000 to make the Our Park, Our Place project possible across the four project sites.

Come down to Eden Hill CAN's Party in the Park at Mary Crescent Reserve on Saturday 21st March 2pm – 5pm and chat to us about your connection with Mary Crescent Reserve and what

you would like to see in the future.

We invite you to help transform the green space with us and take part in educational workshops and tree planting activities over the next two years.

For more information on the project, or details about how to get involved, contact the project manager Christine by email at callen@greeningaustralia.org.au

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UPCOMING EDEN HILL CAN EVENTS



See back page for details

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To stay up to date with the latest Eden Hill news and events;

- Join our mailing list by sending an email to edenhillcan@gmail.com
- Like and follow us on Facebook @EdenHillCAN

EDEN HILL LOCAL TOPICS UPDATE

There is a lot happening in Eden Hill at the moment, so here is a brief summary of a few key local topics.

UNDERGROUND POWER

Western Power has presented their proposal to install underground power in parts of Eden Hill. The proposed areas relates specifically to an area of aging infrastructure that needs to be upgraded. If the proposal is approved by Council, Western Power will cover the cost of undergrounding their infrastructure, whilst households will fund the connection from the property boundary to their home which is estimated to be around \$1990 +/- 30% with repayments able to be made over a number of years in instalments. The cost to property owners under this proposal is significantly

cheaper than other underground power scheme where household costs are typically \$3,000 to \$10,000.

Before a decision is made on the proposal by Council, project details will be finalised including costings and households within the project area will receive detailed information regarding the project.

Further information is available via the Your Say Bassendean website.

EDEN HILL SHOPPING CENTRE SITE

Following the development of a concept plan for the site, the owners of the former Eden Hill shopping centre have made an offer to purchase the Town's parcel of land on the corner of Morley Drive East and Ivanhoe Street.



Underground power community briefing session. Photo J. Wilson

Whilst there appears to be community support for the development of the site to proceed and hence the land sale, there is hesitation from some members of the community as there is no guarantee that the sale of the land will result in the development of the site. Consultation on the proposed sale of the land has closed, although there is still an opportunity for community members to share their thoughts before a decision is made by council.

If you would like to receive regular updates on this local topic, email edenhillcan@gmail.com and request to join our mailing list.

PADBURY WAY RESERVE

Residents are invited to have their say on the future of Padbury Way Reserve. The Town is keen to know how the local community would

like to utilise the reserve to guide future enhancements such as play equipment, plantings, paths.

Further information is available via the Your Say Bassendean website.

For regular updates on these and other local topics; like and follow us on [Facebook @ EdenHillCAN](#) or send an email to edenhillcan@gmail.com to join our mailing list.

To find out more about other Town of Bassendean related projects, visit the Town's stall at our 'Party in the Park' on Saturday 21 March 2pm to 5pm Mary Crescent Reserve (see back page for more details).

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EDEN HILL – PART OF NYUNGAH BOODJAR

Author's note: This article aims to give the reader insight into some of the events that have occurred since European arrival that have tried to break the connection between the Nyungah people and their land.

Soon after first contact with Europeans in 1829, the Nyungah families living in the Eden Hill area were either limited or denied access to their land, sources of food and water, campsites, meeting grounds and transport routes. When Nyungah people tried to defend and retain their land, the Europeans often retaliated with disproportionate violence. Hundreds of local Aboriginal people were murdered, including a documented massacre at Success Hill, and many were imprisoned on Rottne Island or died from introduced diseases. Family groups were fragmented, the practices that kept the land and people healthy were disrupted or destroyed and cultural knowledge was either lost or could not be carried out.

By the early 1900s, local and State policy aimed to force Aboriginal people out of the 'North Bassendean' area completely, including onto missions such as Moore River, Roelands and New Norcia. Despite this, the 'Eden Hill Camps' continued

to provide a home for the Nyungah people and they worked where allowed, the women mainly in domestic service and the men as labourers. Some Nyungah children attended Eden Hill State School, with athletic and academic success at times reported by the local newspaper. However, segregation in the community continued, with the local council refusing to build a playground specifically for Aboriginal children, even though they were not permitted to play in the other playgrounds.

For a small group of Nyungah people, serviceman's pay from World War Two and the women saving their wages allowed the purchase of 20 acres of freehold land in Eden Hill, bounded by the current Mary Crescent Reserve, Lord Street, Mary Crescent and Gallagher Street. Despite paying water and sanitary rates, the Aboriginal landowners were denied the same basic property rights as other residents and the State Government refused to install a sewerage system. Building permits were refused by the local council because the Aboriginal people would be "too close to human habitation" (Bassendean Road Board minutes, 13 June 1945).

By the 1950s, local and state authorities had forced the Nyungah families to leave

Eden Hill Camps records of racism in Western Australia



Bevan Carter

Black History Series

Eden Hill Camps - Records of Racism in Western Australia by Bevan Carter provides a history of the Aboriginal camps in Eden Hill and surrounding areas. Copies will be available by donation at the Eden Hill Neighbour Day celebration on Saturday 21 March.

their freehold properties. The State Housing Commission made the Eden Hill land available to accommodate an influx of post-WW2 migrants. With the push to remove the Bassendean Aboriginal camps once and for all, many Nyungah people were coerced to live at Allawah Grove, an Aboriginal reserve established in South Guildford in 1910. In 1994, after years of protests and lobbying, Premier Richard Court oversaw a "hand-back" to the Swan Valley Nyungah Community of a small part

of Nyungah Boodjar, at the end of Morley Drive on Lord Street in Lockridge. However, in 2003 the State government passed legislation that resulted in the eviction of Nyungah families from this land.

Over time, Nyungah people have moved back to the Eden Hill area and today it is a place where a strong connection to country remains.

Article by Bassendean Historical Society

THE BASSENDEAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Bassendean Historical Society at Eden Hill Neighbour Day 2019. The Society will have a display at this year's event focussing on local Aboriginal history. Photo J. Carter

The Bassendean Historical Society (Inc.) aims to foster and encourage an understanding of the history and heritage of the Bassendean district.

The groups usually meets on the last Thursday of the month 6.30pm (Feb-Nov) at Bassendean Memorial Public Library, 46 Old Perth Road, Bassendean.

For more information
Phone: Jennie 0403 781 538
Facebook: Bassendean Historical Society

CALL OUT FOR LOCAL HISTORY

Do you have a piece of Eden Hill history to share? If so, get in touch or come and see us at Eden Hill CAN's Party In The Park event on March 21.

AN EDEN HILL
NEIGHBOUR DAY CELEBRATION

PARTY IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 21 MARCH, 2PM TO 5PM
MARY CRESCENT RESERVE EDEN HILL

LIVE MUSIC
ACTIVITIES AND STALLS FROM
A RANGE OF LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS
BAKE SALE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE
FREE FACE PAINTING AND
BOUNCY CASTLE



**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE NEIGHBOUR DAY, AUSTRALIA'S ANNUAL
CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND CONNECT WITH
THOSE WHO LIVE IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD. INVITE YOUR NEIGHBOURS
AND SPEND AN AFTERNOON IN THE PARK.**

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COMMUNITY ARTWORK PROJECT

Thanks to the hard work of our Projects Group, Eden Hill CAN has been successful in receiving funding for a community participatory mural in Eden Hill; receiving \$500 through a Perth Airport Community Boost grant to cover the cost of materials.

Local artist, and Bassendean Deputy Mayor, Kathryn Hamilton is generously

donating her time and artist talent to the project. Kathryn will prepare an outline of the mural, with local children then invited to contribute 'paint by numbers' style. If your children would like to be involved in this community art project, please send an email to edenhillcan@gmail.com to register your interest.

Kathryn's 'Dogs in Waiting' artwork outside the Bassendean Memorial Library.

Perth Airport

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