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Open Day - Bassendean Youth Services (BYS)

Calling all community members...

Bassendean Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is planning an 'open day' showcasing the Bassendean Youth Service. Come along and check out the range of programs and activities that are on offer to young people and their families within the Town. Everyone is welcome including young people, seniors, parents, residents, Town of Bassendean staff and Councillors, visitors to the Town... absolutely anyone!

The YAC has organised some free entertainment for the open day including DJs, a mini-skateramp, internet café, photo display boards, ping pong, DVD movies, musical equipment and a graf-art exhibition. There will be some light refreshments available at the event.



We hope to see you at 85 Old Perth Road on Saturday 3rd September between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. Please contact Greg or Evan at BYS for more info on 9279 2329.

Bassendean Youth Services

Bassendean Youth Services are situated at 85 Old Perth Road Bassendean, on the corner of Whitfield Street. The Youth Centre opens between 3pm and 6pm Tuesday to Friday, and offers a broadband internet and computer game café, Xbox, skate ramp, table tennis, squash courts and DVD movie projector. Everything going on in the afternoons is free, and the centre is available for young people aged 12 to 25. There is also stuff going on at the centre like LAN parties, graffiti art and sport most weeks.



Once a month, there is an activity on a Saturday and we have done things like bungy jumping and go-karting which only cost around \$10 for the day.

Every school holidays the Centre runs a camp. We have done things like caving and surfing lessons at Margaret River, a Survival Camp in the Swan Valley and sandboarding at Kalbarri.

The Youth Service is open during the day for young people needing assistance with accommodation, legal problems, employment, medical things etc. Programs like JPET also operate from the centre and help young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The Youth Centre also runs services for families, young offenders and refugees.

If you have any questions about the Youth Service call Greg or Evan on 9279 2329.



Resources for Adolescents and Parents (RAP)

We are a youth and family program which offers individual counselling for young people on issues such as self-esteem, depression, abuse, peer or family conflict, etc. Family mediation and family counselling sessions are also available with young people and their caregivers who are experiencing family conflict. We provide two workers to assist with:

- Practical assistance
- Advocacy
- Informal advice/ counselling
- Family counselling
- Mediation
- Referral to an appropriate service.

You can access our programs for free if you:

- are between the ages of 10 and 18 years
- are a caregiver with a child between these ages
- received this issue in your letterbox.

For more info call Gerri on 0417 911289 or Sue on 0407 424 312.



Youth Cultural (Arts) Achievement Awards

Are you the next Rolf Harris?

The Town of Bassendean acknowledges that there are many budding young artists in the local community and it believes that they should be profiled. In fact, the world-famous Rolf Harris started out as a local artist in Bassendean! The Town of Bassendean wants to continue this tradition by offering the Youth Cultural (Arts) Achievement Awards, so if you're interested you had better get moving!

These awards are provided to recognise and encourage young people for their individual artistic efforts. All nominees must be residents of the Town of Bassendean at the time of nomination. Awards will be made in two age categories: under 18 years of age and 18 to 25 years of age. Award recipients will be presented with a \$200 cash incentive award and a certificate.

Applications must be received at the Town of Bassendean before **5pm on Friday 26 August 2005**. Contact the Town's Youth Development Officer, Evan Hillman, on 9279 2329 to request an application form.

Did you know?

Local artist

Antony Bate, a local artist, is currently attending the Bassendean Youth Service on Wednesday and Friday afternoons between 3.00pm and 6.00pm. Antony displays some of his works in the foyer of the youth centre, does some painting and talks informally about art to young people who come to the centre.



Friday Festivals



BYS is gearing up to deliver a number of awesome events for young people in the north-east metro region. A series of outdoor festivals will be conducted towards the end of 2005 once the weather begins to warm up. Amusement rides, DJs, fire twirlers, temporary tattoos and urban art exhibitions are just some of the exciting features proposed for the events. Watch this space!

School Holiday Camps

Bassendean Youth Service runs a camp each and every school holidays. In past years we have been on personal development camps to Margaret River and Kalbarri and outdoor adventure camps to Avon Valley and Chittering. Young people who attend say that they learn lots of new life skills by exploring issues and ideas and by testing their own limits through challenging activities.



Youth Profile

Name: Peter
Age: 17
Lives in: Bassendean
School: Perth Modern School
Interests: Skateboarding, Guitar, Filming, Video editing and music
Works: Pizza Haven

What do you want to do after you've finished high school?

- Study film and television. Skate recreationally.

What are the best things about living in Basso?

- My friends live here and it's close to the train station.

What's the worst thing about living in Basso?

- No skate park.

