

IDIOM

defn: (noun) the language particular to a people or district, community, or class.



Bassendean Fair & Expo 2005

The event was held at Steel Blue Oval on Sunday 6th November 2005 and got underway at 10.00 am.

Thousands of people flocked through the gates on this picture perfect day and were treated to a wide variety of entertainment including singing, dancing, marching, pet parades, amusement rides and motocross. There was lots of yummy food on offer as well as arts and crafts, free massages and even laughing clowns!

Bassendean Youth Services hosted 'Funkdom at the Fair' which proved extremely popular on the day. The arena included lots of free activities such as a mechanical surfboard, a bungee run, gladiator duelling, an inflatable fly-trap, a bouncy castle, a pumping DJ and a temporary tattoo artist. Hundreds of young people passed through 'Funkdom' over the course of the day and were seen having an absolute blast.

A number of Bassendean Youth Advisory Council members volunteered their time and assisted youth services staff to ensure the event was a success.



Did you know?

Friday Festivals

Bassendean Youth Service is now delivering a number of awesome events for young people in the north-east metro region.

A series of outdoor festivals will kick off at Stand By Me Youth Service on Friday 2nd December between 6.00 pm and 10.00 pm. Amusement rides, DJ's, temporary tattoos and urban art exhibitions are just some of the exciting features that will be FREE to all those young people who come along.

The festivals will continue at Midland PCYC on Friday 16th December, Swan City Youth Service on 17th February 2006 and at Bassendean Youth Service on March 10th 2006.

Call Ayden or Evan at Bassendean Youth Services on 9279 2329 for more info.

Young Women's Group

Bassendean Youth Services is hoping to run a group for young women early in 2006. The group will explore health and lifestyle issues and provide stacks of other really cool girl stuff. In the meantime you may want to check out this awesome website:

<http://www.youth2youth.com.au/frank.asp>

Room for NOISE!!!

Bassendean Youth Services has a music rehearsal room for budding young artists to 'jam' in. We have a couple of guitars, amps, and a drum kit for young people to use on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays between 3.00pm and 6.00 pm. It's also open until 9.00 pm every second Thursday. Bookings are essential only for these Thursdays. Why not come on down to the youth centre and have a go? Call Evan on 9279 2329 for more info.

BYS Website

Our funky NEW website will be up and running soon and will feature lots of cool stuff to look at including an extensive photo gallery showcasing BYS events and activities. Also, there will be stacks of other useful information about other programs on offer at Bassendean Youth Services. So, don't forget to check out www.bys.net.au soon!



Shiny, happy people

Young people are often on the lookout for 'youth friendly' doctors that understand their specific needs.

The Mobile Access Centre or MAC Bus, operated by the Perth and Hills Division of General Practice, is a youth specific mobile service that has delivered holistic health care to young people in the eastern metropolitan areas of Perth for a number of years.

For details on the upcoming locations of the MAC Bus please contact the Perth and Hills Division of General Practice on 9376 9200. They can also help you with contact details of 'youth friendly' doctors in your area.



Bassendean Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

The Bassendean YAC is a group of young people who represent their community through a variety of backgrounds, cultures and experiences.

Youth Advisory Councils were set up by the State Government in collaboration with Local Governments in order for young people to have their say on issues affecting them. The YAC meets once a month to:

- Discuss issues that affect young people
- Plan community events and projects
- Provide recommendations to Town of Bassendean
- Act as a sounding board for community members
- Have their say on issues which affect them.

Financial stuff...

What if I can't pay my debts?

There are many reasons why you may not be able to repay debts. These include being overcommitted financially, a loss of job or a decrease in your number of working hours.

What are some steps I can take?

- Work out what you can afford to pay;
- Contact your credit provider and explain why you can't make the repayments;
- Request that the loan or credit contract be varied so that your repayments can be reduced or postponed.

Always remember to:

- Keep copies of letters to and from your credit provider;
- Stay in touch with your credit provider;
- Pay as much as you can afford and make the payments regularly.

It may also be useful to contact a financial counsellor.

For more information, call the Youth Legal Service Inc. (WA) on 9202 1688.

Youth profile... stepan

Age: 16 years

Lives in: Bassendean

Studying: Year 11

Interests: Computers and Information Technology

Works: Computer shop

What do you want to do after you've finished studying?

- Information technology course at TAFE

What are the best things about living in Bassendean?

- Bassendean Youth Services
- My friends live in Bassendean

What's not so good about living in Bassendean, if anything?

- It's all good!

Anything else you would like to say?

- Bassendean rules!!!



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 3.00pm and 6.00pm Tuesday to Friday, and offers a broadband internet and computer game café, XBOX, mini skate ramp, guitar amps and drums, 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 caving adventures, ski biscuiting and parasailing which only cost around ten dollars for the day.

Every school holiday the youth centre runs a camp. We have done things like abseiling and surfing at Margaret River, a survival camp in the Avon Valley and snorkelling on coral reefs in Geraldton. 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.

