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Bassendean Youth Services

Bassendean Youth Services are situated at 85-87 Old Perth Road Bassendean, on the corner of Whitfield Street.

The Youth Centre is open for young people to 'drop-in' between 3 pm and 6 pm Tuesday to Friday, and offers a broadband internet and computer game café, XBOX, mini skate ramp, guitars, 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.

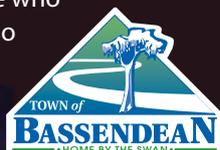
There is also stuff going on at the centre like LAN parties, graffiti art and sport most weeks. Once a month, there is an activity on a Saturday and this year we plan to go ski-biscuiting on the Swan River, cycle and swim at Rottnest Island and also spend a day at Adventure World. Most of these activities only cost ten dollars.



During each school holiday period the youth centre runs a camp. We have held surfing and skateboarding camps, bush survival camps and have even been on a snorkelling expedition off the coast of Geraldton. The Youth Service is open during the day for young people needing support with accommodation, legal issues, employment assistance and medical things etc.



A JPET program—which helps young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness—also operates from the centre, as does the RAP Program which can provide assistance to families, young offenders and refugees.



Your Health... Body Piercing

Body piercing has become increasingly popular recently.

The current trend in body piercing sees rings, studs and bars being inserted in upper ears, eyebrows, necks, lips, tongues, nipples, navels and genitals.

If you are considering having a piercing done, it is better to be safe than sorry! By asking a few questions before you get the piercing you can help make sure the risks are lower.



What is sterilisation?

Sterilisation is the process, which kills the germs and viruses on the equipment that will be used to perform a piercing. Many places use prepacked sterilised equipment. If the equipment is not prepacked, it is important to find out whether the piercer you have chosen has a sterilising unit called an Autoclave.

Is the studio clean?

Remember a studio should have a commitment to being clean and hygienic. Everything should be clean. If you think it is not up to standard, then trust yourself and do not get a piercing there.

Ask your friends where they got their piercing done. Did they have any problems or infection during healing? Does the piercing look like something you would be happy with? Would they honestly get another pierce there again and did they feel they were given enough information by the studio about after care?

Most piercing places require you to be over 16 years of age to have a piercing done. If you are under 16, you must have your parent or legal guardian with you to authorise the procedure. You must be over 18 to have a genital piercing done. This information should only be used as a general guide. For more information, you should contact a body piercing studio.

Buying a used car...

Buying a car is a big decision, especially if it's a used car.

Make sure you do your homework before making any big decisions or signing contracts regardless of whether you are buying from a car dealer or private seller.

Ask yourself:

- What kind of car do I need?
- Do I need a loan? Am I old enough to sign a loan contract?
- How much can I afford to spend?
- How much are the licence and transfer fees?
- How much is insurance going to cost me?



Other things to remember include:

- Shop around for the best loan (if you need one).
- Get a qualified mechanic to inspect the vehicle first.
- Contact REVS to make sure there is no money owing on it.
- Make sure the car is registered.
- Take the car for a test drive.
- Have a family member or friend to help you with your decision.
- Don't sign anything! Unless you're happy with the deal.

This information is not the same as legal advice. For more information call the Youth Legal Service Inc. (WA) on 9202 1688.

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.



Did you know?

Skatepark for Bassendean

The Town of Bassendean is building a skatepark at the corner of Guildford and West Roads in Bassendean—behind the McDonald Grandstand, near the existing skate ramp. The Tender process for the design and construction of the project is well and truly underway with the project scheduled for completion in early 2007. All bladers, skaters and bike riders will be welcome to use the facility. Contact Youth Development Officer Evan Hillman on 9279 2329 for more info.

'Young Blokes'

Bassendean Youth Services is running a group for young men on Friday 11th August 2006. Following the success of the 'Femme Fatale' young women's group back in March, this group will explore health and lifestyle issues specific to young men. Also, there will be stacks of other really cool stuff for guys to do—things like skating, roller-blading, DVD's and LAN games as well as ping-pong, fooze-ball, music, pizza, popcorn and more!



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 From Tuesday through to Friday between 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm. It's also open until 9.00pm 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 as well as 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!