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Driving forward...

In early 2012 discussions and proposals were put forward to make changes to the current steps required for new drivers to obtain their driver's license.

In the past new drivers in WA were only required to have 25 hours of supervised driving experience before sitting their practical assessment. A total number of 25 hours supervised driving experience was not seen to be sufficient, so in January 2013 the supervised element was increased by an additional 25 hours 'after' the practical driving test.

It was recognised that making an increase from 25hrs to 120hrs (recommend amount) was not practical at this stage, however it is anticipated that the now current number of 50 hours supervised driving experience will eventually be increased.

Before these changes took place, obtaining a drivers licence was already a difficult process for some young people for a number of reasons including; financial barriers, lack of family/friend support, or lack of access to a safe vehicle to increase experience.

These challenges increased with the additional 25 hours of supervised driving experience now required. This situation has led Bassendean Youth Services to investigate the possibility of a volunteer driver mentor program in partnership with other agencies in the region.



Internet cafe...

Bassendean Youth Services offers an internet and video gaming café at its Centre on the Cnr West and Guildford Rds (next to the skate park)

The café offers 12 internet connected computers which are free to use for young people ages 12 - 25 years, and the best thing is... its all free!

Even better... the whole Youth Centre and skate park have been set up as a free 'Internet Hotspot' for use after hours and on weekends!



Bassendean Youth Services

Bassendean Youth Services are situated underneath the McDonald Pavilion at Steel Blue Oval on the corner of West and Guildford Roads near the Skate Park.

The Youth Centre is open for young people to 'drop-in' between 3pm and 6pm Tuesday to Friday, and to 10pm on the first and third Fridays of the month. The Centre offers a broadband internet and computer game café, PS3s, band room, pool table, and movie projector. Everything happening in the afternoons is free, and the centre is available for young people aged 12 to 25.

The centre also runs LAN parties, band rehearsals and activities most weeks. Structured activities are also offered every school holidays. Past activities have included: Adventure World, Go-Karting, Outdoor Rock Climbing, and Paintballing. Most of these activities only cost a few dollars per person.

During the next school holidays the Youth Service will run a number of activities. Come into the Youth Centre to find out what's happening next, or check out our website for more information - www.bys.net.au



Dudley Robinson Youth Grant

The aim of the Dudley Robinson Youth Grant is to support individuals to strive toward developing their potential in their chosen pursuit.

Individuals can apply for a grant to represent the State or Commonwealth in a recognised sporting, performance arts, academic achievement event, or to attend youth leadership activities.

The grant will provide up to \$300 for international representation and \$200 for National representation. For Youth Leadership Activities the limit is set at \$250. To be eligible you must reside in the Town of Bassendean and be aged between 12 and 25 years.

If you would like more information contact the Town's Youth Development Officer on 9279 2329 or download the application form from the Town of Bassendean website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au

Youth Advisory Council

The Bassendean Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of young people who meet monthly to discuss current issues that interest or affect them.

The Bassendean YAC has been heavily consulted on the planning and construction of the Town's popular Skate Park and annual Youth Events. It has also given feedback to Local, State and Federal Governments on issues affecting young people including State Law reform, the National Novice Driver Review and the National Drugs campaign.

If you are between the ages of 12 and 25 years and either live, work, study or recreate in the Town of Bassendean (Bassendean, Ashfield or Eden Hill) then you are eligible to join the Bassendean YAC.

For further details on the YAC, contact the Youth Development Officer at the Town of Bassendean.