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Past Camp Stories

Bassendean Youth Services has been running camps during the School Holidays for years now, and I must say, we have got REALLY good at it. Our camps vary from Survival Camps (like the show but without the glamour of a TV crew and no money for surviving), Adventure Camps (for the adrenalin junkies, a few days of abseiling in Margaret River or sand boarding in Kalbarri), PASH - Promoting Adolescent Sexual Health - Camps (lets talk about sex, baby) and more recently our first Surfing Camp (location Margaret River - of course!!!). The best thing about our camps (other than the amazing activities and excellent camp facilitators) is that we get funding from the Government so it keeps down the cost to you. If you are interested to be part of one of our camps, talk to those cool youth workers at Bassendean Youth Services.



Camping It Up

By Ayden Mackenzie

Two nights, three days, no mattress, no pillow, and cold nights, this is what ten local teenagers will be experiencing towards the end of April this year, as Bassendean Youth Services fourth Survival Camp takes place.

The location: Eighty kilometres North East of Bassendean.
The terrain: 100% pure Australian bush.

Being organised by the Bassendean Youth Services, in conjunction with the Stand By Me Youth Service, this survival camp promises to be the best ever.

The ten teenagers, five from Bassendean Youth Services and five from Stand By Me Youth Service, who will be lucky enough to attend will need to prepare themselves for almost anything, but with only the organisers knowing what has been planned so far its going to be hard.

Being on the organising committee myself, all I can say is that the entire camp has been based around a single theme, all I can say at this point in time is ... I hope you can fly.

With activities based around communication, trust, leadership, and teamwork, this camp promises to challenge all the participants physically, mentally and emotionally.

Learning how to orientate yourself in the bush, finding suitable drinking water, and gathering your own food are just a few of the mind boggling tasks that will be revealed to the participants.

On previous survival camps participants have had to cook there own meals by torchlight, trek 3km for fresh water, and hide from wondering Dropbears in the night, but who knows what's in store this time.

While working as a team to cook their own meals, and sitting around the camp fire will all be an exciting part of the camp, most of the fun for these ten will be getting out of the city and into the bush for three days, being able to let loose and have the time of their lives.

So till April all I can say is, "Eggstracting" these campers is going to be a challenge in its self!!

Bassendean Youth Advisory Council 2002 to 2003

The Bassendean Youth Advisory Council has been busy since the elections in June 2002. At the Strategic Planning Meeting in July we decided to concentrate on providing good quality events for young people in the Bassendean area and surrounding suburbs, therefore we directed all our efforts into the newly created Bassendean Youth Arts Festival and the Youth Zone at the Bassendean Fair.

Bassendean YAC members were experienced at providing Skate and BMX Competitions, but the challenge of hosting a Youth Arts Festival at the Bassendean Youth Centre was taken on by YAC members with lots of energy. The YAC was successful in receiving funding from the Foundation for Young Australians to deliver this event. Held on Sunday 20th October 2002, the Inaugural Bassendean Youth Arts Festival attracted over 200 young people with a youth art exhibition, urban art workshops, live bands and DJs, body painting, circus workshops, hackey sack tournaments, break dance performances and a series of interactive art stalls. The Bassendean YAC will hold another Youth Arts festival in early 2004.

The Youth Zone at the Bassendean Fair and Expo was another successful YAC event. Bringing DJ workshops, break dancing performances and urban art exhibitions to the Fair provided the opportunity to showcase youth culture to the general public. The YAC hope to build on this event next year by introducing more interactive youth stalls, as well as live bands and a Skate and BMX Competition.

All members of the Bassendean YAC have been busy this past year and should be congratulated on the success of their events.

Pippa Monger
Youth Development Officer



Joining the Bassendean YAC

The Bassendean YAC is for any young people aged between 12 and 21 years of age, who work, live or study in the Town of Bassendean. The Bassendean YAC meet once every three weeks on a Monday Night at 5.30pm. All meetings are held at Bassendean Youth Services, cnr West and Guildford Roads, Bassendean.

Anyone interested in joining the Bassendean YAC or just finding out more information should contact Pippa Monger on 9279 2329.

Local Celebrity



Ayden Mackenzie has been a member of the Bassendean YAC since August 2000 and on Australia Day this year was awarded the Youth Citizenship Award from the Town of Bassendean. Ayden has been a valuable member of the YAC, providing significant support in organising and documenting events. Ayden's skills in photography has also been spotted by the Town of Bassendean Leisure Services Department and Rip It Up Music (an organisation involved in delivering youth events in the Mundaring and Hills areas). We would like to congratulate Ayden on his achievements and wish him all the best with his studies at the West Australian Academy Performing Arts

Upcoming Events



5th April - 100% Control Cultural Youth Centre
Mobile Youth Service located at indigenous events.
1pm - 10pm Cultural Centre, Northbridge

5th/6th April - Swan View Jubilee Open Day
Bands, Fair, Rip It Up activities
Swan View Senior High School

6th April - Cultural Centre Youth Carnival
Action events, New Orleans Style Mardi Gras Workshops.
Claisebrook
For Info Ph: 9461 3404

6th April - Youth Expo
Bands, extreme sports, Hip Hop performances, photography comp.
Civic Centre, Wanneroo
For Info Ph: 9405 5624

10th April - End of Term Gig
Live Bands and lots of cool stuff.
Swan View Youth Centre
For Info Ph: 9295 0643

12th April - Festivus
Skate, Bands, DJ, Urban Art and lots more
Lions Park, Mundaring
For Info Ph: 9290 6705

12th April - Activ8
Youth bands, bouncey castle, sumo wrestling, chalk art comp.
Claremont Park
For Info Ph: 9285 4300

12th April - sCrAtCh
Hip Hop workshop
Bayswater Skate Park
For Info Ph: 9272 0621

13th April - Kenwick Youth Centre
Lots of live music.
For Info Ph: 9452 3715

6th July - HYPER
Organised by Swan YAC, huge youth festival
Railway Workshops, Midland
For Info Ph: 9267 9132

If you are interested in helping run Youth Events ring
Rip It Up on Ph: 9295 0643



Scruffology

Mr Scruff Review

On the other side of the world, in a land called Stockport, England, there once was a DJ artist called Mr Scruff (aka Andy Carthy). He was described as an electro-ska-hip-hop kid with an eclectic collection of tunes that touched on swing, smokey soul, edgy drum n bass, hip hop and cheesy organ that sounded like a theme to a 70s gameshow. He had unusual hits like "Chicken In A Box" (quote - simple maybe-but simply bloody barmy good) and even had his single "Get A Move On" as part of the France Telecom (equivalent to Telstra) national advertisement.

You may wonder why we are doing a review of a DJ artist from the other side of the world, but one of his songs has infiltrated our foreign shores and aired on Triple J. We enjoyed this song so much we used it as background music in a YAC Presentation to the Town Council. This song is simply called "Shrimp" and has been described as an "...eighties block party rockin' beat with an aggro funk feel and loads of abandon ..." but we feel it is more like a song from a 70's x-rated movie soundtrack.

Mr Scruff has recently released a new CD "Trouser Jazz", but you can also enjoy his other releases including "Keep It Unreal" and "Unfold Heavyweight Rib Ticklers" as well as "Shrimp" and "Get A Move On" in 12" single vinyl.





Bassendean Youth Services

Bassendean Youth Services has been around since 1985. Situated under the MacDonald Grandstand at Bassendean Oval (opposite Red Rooster), Bassendean Youth Services provides many programs and activities for young people aged 12 to 25 years.

On Tuesdays, Thursday and Fridays between 3pm and 6pm, the centre is open for Drop-In. This includes use of the TV, video, playstation, pool tables, table tennis, computers, internet, basketball court and a variety of recreational equipment.

Saturdays are planned for recreational activities that can vary from Kalamunda Water Slides, Karting, Archery, Supagolf, Badminton, Craft Activities or Jungle Gym. Activities cost \$3 per person and names are taken on a Tuesday afternoon at 4pm.

Bassendean Youth Services also runs specific programs, including PASH (Promoting Adolescent Sexual Health) programs, Physical Activity workshops, young men's groups and self defence workshops. These programs are advertised at the Youth Centre before commencement.

Bassendean Youth Services also runs a JPET (Job Placement, Employment and Training) Program for young people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This program aims to be supportive and listen to young people, helping them with finding stable accommodation and access to education, employment or training options.

The RAP (Resources for Adolescents and Parents) program provides young people 10-18 years with access to a youth worker or a family worker. The RAP program can help young people dealing with accommodation issues, substance use, legal or financial issues and family conflict.

For more information about Bassendean Youth Services, you can ring Greg or Pippa on 9279 2329. For information about the RAP Program, you can ring Mel or Gerry on 9377 4044.



YAC Profile



1. What is your full name?

Anthony Lloyd Walton

2. Nickname.

Anchovy

3. Describe yourself in five words.

Cooler guy in the world

4. Where would you like to be by the time you are thirty?

Married with a good car

5. What do you believe is the best thing about being in the YAC?

The events

6. How do you think the world would be if young people overthrew all world leaders and took over? Better or Worse?

Better because young people have a broader way of thinking about what needs to be changed in the world to make it a better place to live.

1. What is your full name?

Gregory Paul Neri

2. Work Position with Town of Bassendean

Youth Services Manager

3. Describe yourself in five words.

Revhead, sportslover, funloving, stirrer, idealist

4. What would not be caught dead in?

Skivvy

5. What do you believe is the best thing about the YAC?

The events

6. How do you think the world would be if young people overthrew all world leaders and took over? Better or Worse?

Way worse. We would have to listen to their crappy music (cover versions) and we would have to wear our pants half way down.