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DEFAMED – Take 1: Skating DVD

Over the past twelve months, Tim Budge – a budding cinematographer and local skater – has been successful in not only capturing elements of local skating culture, but also in being able to package this footage in such a way that has resulted in nothing short of a showcase of talent from young people living in the Town of Bassendean and surrounding areas. He was able to achieve this with the help and support of various people as evidenced in the closing credits.

This DVD is absolutely amazing from start to finish. All of the young people featured in 'Defamed – Take 1' were able to individually display various skills, tricks, styles and antics which is testament to both the quality and skill of local prodigies and protégés alike.



Street scapes feature heavily in this flick with the footage from numerous metropolitan skate park locations in particular really allowing each contributor to stamp their mark on the sport.

It would be unfair not to acknowledge the outstanding production quality of this DVD, given the almost non-existent budget. By way of its highly innovative camera work, editing and final packaging, the film truly does highlight the talents of all the young people who have been involved from go-to-whoa. The final section keeps viewers entertained via some fairly hairy thrills and spills and the soundtrack is completely energising to say the least.

So do yourself a favour...turn up the volume, sit back and suck it in! And beware... 'Defamed – Take 1' is just the first installment. Contact Tim through the Youth Centre.

Integrated Youth Facility

For a fair while now local skaters, bladers and bike riders haven't had much to smile about. After the old equipment was removed due to noise regulations, local young people have had very little opportunity to skate within the Town.

The great news is that the Town of Bassendean has put aside \$10, 000 to prepare plans for an 'Integrated Youth Facility'... that is, a skate and bike complex which also has areas for live performances and hanging out.

So far, the Town has submitted a funding application to the Department of Sport and Recreation for 1/3 of the cost, and held a couple of forums to determine the location of the facility.

During the first half of next year a number of focus groups will be held to determine what will be included in the design.

The Town of Bassendean proposes to budget \$250,000 next year for the construction of the facility, dependent on Council priorities and whether the submission for extra funding is successful.

If you want to get involved in the design work and be part of the 'Skate Reference Group', give Greg a call at Bassendean Youth Services on 92792329.





Bassendean Youth Services

Bassendean Youth Services operates at the rear of the McDonald Grandstand at Bassendean Oval. The Youth Centre opens 3pm to 6pm Tuesday to Friday, and offers a broadband

internet and gaming café, Xbox, skate ramp, table tennis and pool tables. 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 \$10 for the day.

Every school holidays the Centre runs a camp and 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.



'WATERWORX'

The second event on the YAC calendar for 2004/05 is 'Waterworks'. This event is scheduled for Saturday February 12th and will run from 4.00pm till 11.00pm.



Given the warm weather at time of year, the YAC decided that an appropriate theme for the event would be water. Therefore, the activities planned for the day/night include a dunk-tank, slippery slide and water hose fights as well as temporary tattoos, a DJ, a LAN party and X-BOX competitions amongst other entertainment ideas. The cost of entry in to the event will be around \$3.00 and the number of young people in attendance will be capped at one hundred.

Bassendean Youth Advisory Council

The Bassendean Youth Advisory Council is a group of young people who represent their community through a variety of backgrounds and cultures and experiences. They were set up by the state government in collaboration with Local Governments and they allow young people to advise the government about issues that affect them. We have meetings on a monthly basis to discuss:

- Issues that are relevant to young people
- Plan community events and projects
- Provide recommendations to local council
- To have your say on issues that affect you
- Act as a focal point for community members to bounce ideas off

Young people join the YAC to:

- Learn New Skills
- Organise events
- Gain more confidence
- Meet other young people



For further information about the Bassendean Youth Services, 'WATERWORX', Bassendean YAC, or Defamed - Take 1 please contact Greg or Evan on 92792329.

