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

## Did you know?

### New home for BYS!

Bassendean Youth Services has been temporarily relocated in the old Business Enterprise Centre at 85-87 Old Perth Road Bassendean.

The service will return to its regular premises at the rear of the McDonald grandstand, Bassendean Oval as soon as the structural repairs to the grandstand are completed. BYS staff



are doing their best to make the 'new' premises as appealing to young people as possible. Stick your head in and say hi next time you go past!

## Mini-ramp

Bassendean Youth Services now has a mini-ramp that can be used by skateboarders and in-line skaters alike. The mini ramp was recently constructed by local young people—with the support of a qualified carpenter—as a project for National Youth Week with part funding coming from the Office of Children and Youth. The ramp is available for use between 3pm and 6pm Tuesday to Friday. Come on down and check it out!



## Young people and crime—Dispelling the myth

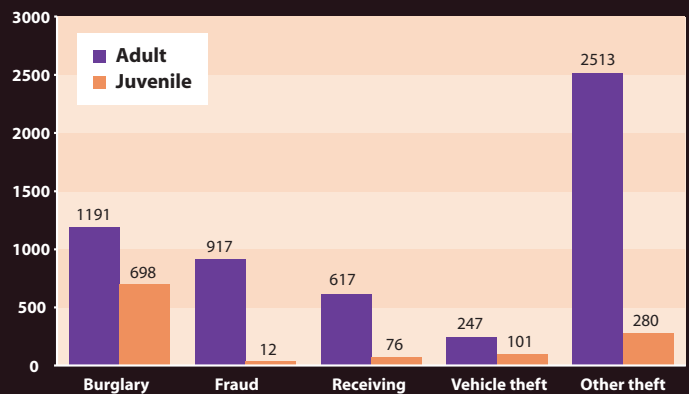
Many people have an opinion as to the identity of perpetrators of crime within the community. Often, the information provided by the television, radio and newspaper media contributes to the formation of these opinions.

Sensationalist stories pertaining to young people taking part in criminal activities only serve to paint a negative picture of this demographic, and are often not reflective of the true state of criminal activity within the community.

Whilst it is known that some young people—for various reasons—choose to engage in criminal behaviour, they are by far the most overrepresented group negatively portrayed in the media in relation to crime. Contrary to popular belief, young people are in fact the group who are least responsible for the majority of crime within the community.

According to a report prepared by the Crime and Research Centre at University of WA, Crime and Justice Statistics for WA 2003, adults overall are approximately 66% more likely than juveniles to be arrested in relation to criminal activity. The following graph provides a detailed breakdown of burglary and other theft offences by age status.

Distinct persons arrested for burglary/theft offences (most serious offence) by age status, 2003



## Friday Festivals

BYS is gearing up to deliver a number of awesome outdoor events for young people in the north-east metro region. A series of evening festivals will be conducted towards the end of 2005 once the weather begins to warm up. Amusement rides, DJ's, fire twirlers, temporary tattoos and urban art exhibitions are just some of the exciting features proposed for the events. Watch this space!



# Bassendean Youth Services

Bassendean Youth Services operates in the old Business Enterprise Centre at 85-87 Old Perth Road Bassendean.

The Youth Centre opens 3pm to 6pm Tuesday to Friday, and offers a broadband Internet 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 Sand boarding 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.

## 'FragFest'

Bassendean Youth Services (BYS) recently hosted the April 2005 Fragfest.

The event was the second major interactive computer gaming event to be conducted in recent months and was attended by over thirty young women and young men aged between 12 and 19 years. There were spot prizes awarded to winners of individual rounds, with the overall title of 'Fragfest Champion' for April 2005 going to Bassendean resident Mychajlo Kolodij.



*Left: April 2005 Fragfest Champion Mychajlo Kolodij (left). Also pictured is the November 2004 Fragfest Champion, Shelby Rutherford.*

The event was organised by local BYS volunteer Daniel Hughes. Daniel said he was extremely happy with the success of the event. "Hopefully we can make it bigger and better next time so that even more local young people can take part in the festivities".

The next Fragfest is scheduled for the July 2005 school holidays. Please contact BYS on 9279 2329 for more information.

## Bassendean JPET—Job Placement Employment and Training

Bassendean JPET has been facilitated by Bassendean Youth Services for the past 8 years through the Federal Department of Workplace Relations. It offers assistance to young people aged 15 to 21 who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, wards, refugees, ex-offenders or those who are geographically isolated.

JPET is directed towards establishing stable lifestyles for young people through assistance with:

- Accommodation, drug and alcohol issues, financial problems, legal issues, counselling and ongoing support.
- Attaining life skills and creating stability through practical assistance.
- Re-entry into education, including pre-vocational and vocational training.
- Preparation for work.



JPET operates during business hours Monday to Friday from Bassendean Youth Services temporary premises at 85 Old Perth Rd.

Ask for Lisa, Julia or Barry.

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For further information about the Bassendean Youth Services, contact Greg or Evan on 92792329.