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Bassendean Youth Services

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



The drop-in centre opens between 3pm and 6pm Tuesday to Friday, and offers a broadband internet and computer game café, XBOX, mini skate ramp, guitar 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, art demonstrations and sport most weeks. Once a month, there is an activity on a Saturday and we have done things like caving adventures, ski biscuiting and parasailing which only cost around ten dollars for the day.

Every school holidays the youth centre runs a camp. We have done things like abseiling and surfing at Margaret River, a survival camp in the Avon Valley and snorkelling on coral reefs in Geraldton.

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.

If you have any questions about the Youth Service call Greg or Evan on 9279 2329.



BYS Open Day Saturday 3rd September

This was a day when Bassendean Youth Services opened its doors for members of the community to come in and check the place out.

Those people who came along gained an insight into the wide range of services and activities on offer for young people and their families. A number of people who attended said that they enjoyed using the facilities including the Internet café and XBOX, the mini skate ramp, the ping-pong table, squash court and the musical equipment.



There were even some professional graffiti artists on hand who staged an impressive urban art workshop. Youth Workers made available information for young people seeking support with employment and training issues, accommodation, and counselling.

Thanks must go to members of the Bassendean Youth Advisory Council who planned and conducted the event which included providing some light refreshments on the day.

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.



Skateboards, Scooters and In-Line Skates



Skateboards, scooters and in-line skates seem to be a popular form of both transport and recreation for many people in the town.

But it is illegal to ride any of these on the road as they are not classed as vehicles under the Road Transport Act. You can however use them on most footpaths but you have to 'give way' to pedestrians. In other words, look out for other people walking along the path and make sure you 'keep left'. If you crash into a pedestrian and hurt them, they can take you to court for being careless.

It is important to note that there are some areas where you can not ride skateboards and the like. An example may be footpaths around train stations etc. These areas are usually well sign posted, with fines for breaking the law ranging from \$25-\$50.

Also, it's always a good idea to wear safety equipment like helmets, knee pads and elbow pads for your own protection. Presently, there is no law which states you must wear a helmet when riding skateboards, scooters or in-line skates, but this may change in future.

For more information, contact the Youth Legal Service on (08) 9202 1688.

Youth Profile

Name: Belinda
Age: 20
Lives in: Bassendean
School: Youth Work at TAFE
Interests: Youth issues, jet setting to Adelaide, organising my engagement party and talking weddings.
Works: Supa Valu



What do you want to do after you've finished studying?

- Get a job as a Youth Worker.

What are the best things about living in Basso?

- The level of cultural diversity and mix of age groups.
- Many people knowing who I am.
- Having great Youth Workers and a great youth service.

What's not so good about living in Basso, if anything?

- The lack of youth facilities around the Town of Bassendean. (Excluding BYS of course).

Anything else?

- I'm engaged as of 14th July, 2005!

Did you know?

Bassendean Fair

The annual Bassendean Fair is coming up very soon. It will be held on Sunday, 6th November at Steel Blue Oval. All the usual 'fun of the Fair' will be on offer and Bassendean Youth Services will be providing extra special *free* entertainment and activities for young people including a mechanical cow, DJ's, a bouncy castle, the horizontal bungee run, an inflatable fly trap, gladiator duelling and urban art exhibitions. See you there!



Musical Equipment

Bassendean Youth Services has recently purchased some musical equipment for young people to 'jam' with. We have a couple of guitars, amps, and a drum kit for young people to use during drop-in times which are 3.00pm-6.00pm Tuesday to Friday. Come on down to the youth centre and have a go!



Friday Festivals

Bassendean Youth Service is gearing up to deliver a number of awesome events for young people in the north east metro region. A series of outdoor festivals will be conducted towards the end of 2005 and early in 2006 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. Friday Festivals will take place at Stand By Me Youth Service on 2nd December; at Midland PCYC on 16th December and at Swan City Youth Service in February 2006. Call Evan or Ayden at the Youth Service on 9279 2329 for more info.

BYS Website

Our funky website will be up and running soon and will feature lots of cool stuff to look at including an extensive photo gallery showcasing BYS events and activities. Also, there will be 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!

For further information on anything in this issue, please contact Greg or Evan at Bassendean Youth Services on 9279 2329.

