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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 offers a broadband internet and computer game café, XBOX, band room, and DVD 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. Saturday activities are also offered every couple of months. In the 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 including a full day of Go-Karting. Come into the Youth Centre to find out what's happening next or check out our website for more information - www.bys.net.au

New cannabis laws in WA

Western Australia's cannabis laws changed on 1 August 2011.

Under the new laws, people apprehended for simple cannabis offences by police, may be issued a 'Cannabis Intervention Requirement' (CIR). A person who has been given a CIR will be required to book and complete a 'Cannabis Intervention Session' (CIS).

It is also against the law to sell 'cannabis smoking paraphernalia' (eg. bongs) or to display them for sale in a shop or retail outlet. Selling cannabis smoking paraphernalia to anyone under the age of 18 years attracts a higher penalty than selling to an adult.

A state-wide campaign to increase awareness of the new laws about cannabis use and possession is currently being conducted to encourage people to access support services. An Indigenous component of the campaign is also being conducted with a range of local support initiatives available to assist in delivering the message within the community.

Under the new laws, someone caught with more than 10 grams (0.35 ounces) of cannabis, rather than the 30g (1 ounce) under the previous law, will face a penalty of \$2000 or two years in jail, or both.

That will also apply to people found with any cannabis plants, where previously the possession of two plants led to the issuing of an infringement notice and a \$100 to \$200 fine.

A person found in possession of more than 100g (3.5 ounces) of cannabis would be deemed to have that quantity for supply and could face a penalty of \$20,000 or two years in jail.

It will also be illegal for cannabis smoking implements to be displayed in shops or sold, with fines up to \$10,000 for sales to adults and jail for up to two years or a fine of up to \$24,000 for selling to minors.

If you find yourself needing assistance with kicking substance taking, give the Alcohol and Drug Information Service a call on 9442 5000.



Skate Park Etiquette



Check It's Safe to Skate

When you arrive at a park check if it is safe to skate. If there is dirt or water on the park your wheels are more likely to slip. Glass on the park is especially dangerous. Falling onto broken glass isn't pretty. If the park is supervised, let someone know that the surface needs to be swept. If there is no way of making the park safe, find somewhere else to skate.

Watch For Other Skaters

Cutting across someone's path can cause problems for other park users and

may lead to some bad injuries if you collide. Be patient, wait your turn, watch out for each other. New skaters usually struggle with this rule, particular if they are young as their spatial awareness is still developing. If a skater is continually causing problems help them out, explain nicely what they are doing wrong, and demonstrate the right way.

Wait Your Turn

In a crowded skate park, taking turns at having a run is important. Don't cut in front of someone who has been waiting ages to go.

Think Before You Sit

When you sit or stand in the skate park, you are putting yourself in danger of being hit as well as irritating other park users. If you sit down in a skate park, you are likely to be blocking the rail, ledge or ramp that someone wants to use. If you're having a break, move off of the park and out of the way.

Follow The Traffic Flow

In most busy parks, skaters will naturally tend to skate in a certain direction around the facility. Skating against the flow of traffic is dangerous.

Watch Your Board

Anyone who has been hit by a skateboard knows it can hurt so keep an eye on your board! If your board slips out

from under you, and is heading towards people let them know. Yelling "Board" can give someone enough of a warning to move out of the way. If your board ends up flying off of the park, make sure you give your board a shake/wipe down to remove any dirt. Tramping dirt onto the park can make the park dangerous to skate.

Avoid Marathon Runs

When it's your turn to skate avoid doing a massive run. Watch what other skaters are doing, and make sure that your turn is around the same length as theirs. Doing an occasional long run is acceptable if you are landing a lot of tricks but always taking forever will irritate the skaters waiting for their turn.

BMX/Scooters

Most of the time skaters have to share parks with people riding BMX and scooters. Be respectful of each other is the easiest thing to do in this situation. If someone on a BMX is using a bit of the park you'd like to use, just ask them if you can have a go for a while. Remember if you're nice to them they are more likely to be nice to you.

Help Each Other Out

If you see someone trying to land a trick over and over again – try not to embarrass them by doing the trick right in front of them to show them how easy it is for you. You can always offer to help them out, if you know what they need to change – for example if their foot positioning is wrong.

Say Sorry

If you accidentally break one of the 'rules' or collide with someone, simply say 'sorry'. It's easy to do and people will respect you more.

Respect The Park

You should be proud of your local skate park, so do your bit to make sure it looks good. Put your rubbish in the bins provided.

Everyone Has to Start Somewhere

Once you have been skating for a while it can be easy to forget how hard it was when you first started out. Try and remember that the young kids often just need someone to point out the rules. Try not to be hard on them, you were just like them once!

