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

Permitted Pieces

The Town of Bassendean has experienced an overwhelming amount of graffiti vandalism beside the rail reserve at the end of Railway Pde. The site is a pedestrian thoroughfare which leads across the river, and through the extensive graffiti, presents as an unsafe location.

In response, Bassendean Youth Services recently completed an Urban Art mural project dubbed 'Permitted Pieces' at the site. The project was a huge success, with 15 volunteer artists from throughout Perth combining to paint a mural 70 linear metres long. Local residents provided very positive feedback and are excited about the prospect of more murals at the site. The artists involved were very excited about the project and keen to demonstrate the difference between their art pieces and graffiti vandalism. On the basis of the project's success, a follow up grant for \$12 000 has been sought from Strategic Crime Prevention. A time lapse video can be viewed on our homepage at: www.bys.net.au

Graffiti and Urban Art

The Importance of Common Language (State Graffiti Task Force).

Graffiti or graffiti vandalism refers to the illegal activity of defacing private and/or public property without the consent of the property owner. Urban art refers to legal work, where permission to mark a surface has been granted by the owner of the property.

Graffiti, which is sometimes known as 'tagging', is the use of spray paint or marker pens to vandalise public or private property and is an illegal act. Urban Art on the other hand is the use of spray cans to create legitimate art pieces with the permission of the property owner. The unfortunate thing is that graffiti vandalism can be so destructive and expensive to clean up that the wider community has a negative view on anything to do with spray cans. Legitimate Urban Art can be seen at a variety of public places such as some bus stops, inside the Youth Centre and on the volunteer fire brigade shed at Ashfield Reserve. Taggers can be a huge problem for Urban Artists because they have a hard time convincing the community of the legitimacy of their art form.



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



Dudley Robinson Youth Grant

The aim of the Dudley Robinson Youth Grant is to support individuals to strive toward developing their potential in their chosen pursuit.

Individuals can apply for a grant to represent the State or Commonwealth in a recognised sporting, performance arts, academic achievement event, or to attend youth leadership activities.



The grant will provide up to \$300 for international representation and \$200 for National representation. For Youth Leadership Activities the limit is set at \$250. To be eligible you must reside in the Town of Bassendean and be aged between 12 and 25 years.

If you would like more information contact the Town's Youth Development Officer on 9279 2329 or download the application form from the Town of Bassendean website at www.bassendean.wa.gov.au

Youth Advisory Council

The Bassendean Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a group of young people who meet monthly to discuss current issues that interest or affect them.

The Bassendean YAC has been heavily consulted on the planning and construction of the Town's popular Skate Park and annual Youth Events. It has also given feedback to Local, State and Federal Governments on issues affecting young people including State Law reform, the National Novice Driver Review and the National Drugs campaign.

If you are between the ages of 12 and 25 years and either live, work, study or recreate in the Town of Bassendean (Bassendean, Ashfield or Eden Hill) then you are eligible to join the Bassendean YAC.

For further details on the YAC, contact the Youth Development Officer at the Town of Bassendean.



Where's ya bin?

The Town of Bassendean, with the support of the Youth Advisory Council, has continued to reinforce the "no littering" message with young people at the skate park. Young people participated in an urban art design workshop and then painted their final designs onto the bins and to parts of the surrounding skate park. The project was funded by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council of W.A.

If you are interested in urban art you can register your interest with the Bassendean Youth Services at www.bys.net.au

