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Bassendean 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.

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 by emailing bassendean@iinet.net.au

YAC Discussion Points

Sex Education in School...

The YAC agreed that sex education is important and that sex education should be taught in schools rather than at home from parents and siblings.

The YAC believed that sex education should be a compulsory part of the school curriculum but parents should be able to have their children opt out.

It was felt that students should also be taught about sexual diversity as if it were a normal occurrence and discussions should not be biased in any way.

National Disability Insurance Scheme...

The YAC discussed the National Disability Insurance Scheme and how it will work when fully operational around the Australia, by giving people with disabilities the option to choose what services they wanted.

After some discussion, all those present believed that Western Australia should sign up to the NDIS. The YAC felt it would be a good idea to write a letter to Premier Barnett and the Minister for Health urging WA to sign up to the scheme

Ethics and Tattoos...

The YAC discussed tattooing and what they thought should be the ethics surrounding its practice. The YAC was asked at what age they felt someone should be able to get a tattoo and after some discussion it was agreed that you should be able to get a tattoo at 16 years old with your parents' permission.

A discussion was had around whether racist or offensive images and words should be permitted as tattoos and the YAC concluded that as it is your own body you should be able to do what you like with it.



Dudley Robinson Youth Grant

The Dudley Robinson Youth Grant supports 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 level representation and \$200 for National level representation. For Youth Leadership Activities the limit is set at \$250.

To be eligible you must live 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



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 to 10pm on the first and third Fridays of the month. The Centre offers a broadband internet and computer game café, PS3s, band room, pool table, and 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. Structured activities are also offered every school holidays. 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. Come into the Youth Centre to find out what's happening next, or check out our website for more information - www.bys.net.au

