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Key Facts about Young People in Western Australia

There are around 540 000 people under 18 years of age in WA and this is 10 per cent of the total population of Australian children and young people.

Almost one-quarter of Western Australians are younger than 18 years.

Nearly six per cent of children and young people in WA are Aboriginal and they make up around 45 per cent of the Aboriginal population of Western Australia.

Around 70 per cent of Western Australians under the age of 18 years live in Perth.

Over 60 per cent of five to 14 year-olds play a sport outside of school hours.

Girls vs Boys: Girls tend to be concerned about issues such as body image and coping with stress and depression. Boys say that alcohol, drugs and bullying are issues of concern.

Facts taken from the Commissioner for Children and Young People's website

Gravit8 2014 is comming

The date for the 2014 Gravit8 Youth Festival is Friday 5th of December. The Bassendean Skate Park will be a hive of activity so put the date in your diary now.

Check out the Youth Services website and facebook page in the coming months for all the details.



Keen on Halloween

Keen on Halloween is happening again! We'll have stickers for your letterbox and we will also be running the Spookiest Letterbox Competition again.

Keep an eye out of the Town's website, the Youth Services website and facebook in the coming months for all the details of how to get involved.

When is Halloween? This year Halloween is Friday the 31st of October.

The Keen on Halloween initiative was developed by the Bassendean Youth Advisory Council.



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.



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 every second Friday. 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



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