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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 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

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.





REGIONAL YOUTH DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAM

Ready to RYDE

February 2016 sees the introduction of the RYDE Program.

The Town of Bassendean's Youth Service, Volunteer Centre, and Library, in collaboration with Lotterywest and the Rotary Club of Swan Valley, will seek to provide young people the opportunity to complete their 50 hours of supervised 'log book' experience.

Many young people find it difficult to complete the 50 hours of driving experience now required for a Western Australian Driver's Licence. This might be because they haven't got access to an appropriate vehicle or a qualified person to spend all of those hours in the passenger seat.

RYDE connects Learner Drivers with volunteer Mentors and dedicated program vehicle, so that they can get their licence and all of the opportunities that come with it.

The RYDE Program is a response by the Town of Bassendean to the Western Australian Government's change from 25 to 50 supervised driving hours.

This change was as a result of research showing that the main cause of novices being involved in a crash was inexperience, and accidents usually occurred because new drivers simply made mistakes.

The increase in recorded supervised driving hours will provide novice drivers greater opportunities to acquire the necessary skills and develop good driving behaviour.

A side effect of these changes has been the marginalisation of young people with limited access to suitable vehicles or supervisors with which to undertake these requirements.

The Town of Bassendean, supported by Lotterywest and the Rotary Club of Swan Valley seeks to engage volunteers to support 16 to 25 year olds to meet these log book requirements.

Young people seeking to be involved in RYDE need to have completed sufficient formal lessons with a professional Driving Instructor to ensure that the sessions are just about gaining experience and honing skills.

Details about becoming involved with the RYDE Program as a Learner Driver or Volunteer Driver Mentor can be found on the RYDE website:
www.ryde.org.au



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