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Executive Summary

The Town of Bassendean values young people and readily accepts that it has an important role and responsibility in providing a youth friendly community and building the capacity of all young people.

The Town of Bassendean Youth Statement is a revised and updated version of the Options for Youth - 'Youth Policy and Strategy' document. The Youth Statement will form the background to the Town of Bassendean Youth Services Business Plan and inform the Bassendean Community Strategic Plan. Funding received through the Department of Local Government and Communities 'Youth Friendly Communities Grants' Program has enabled the Town of Bassendean Youth Statement to be produced.

The following methodology was used to create the Youth Statement:

1. Options for Youth – Youth Policy and Strategy

The existing Town of Bassendean Youth Policy and Strategy value statements were reviewed and updated to reflect current issues facing the Town of Bassendean's young people.

2. Youth Consultation

A youth consultation process was conducted with young people that live, work, study or recreate in the Town of Bassendean. The Town's Youth Advisory Council provided guidance on the consultation process and local young people were engaged to interview the Town's youth.

3. Literature Review

A literature review was undertaken to examine the role Local Government authorities have within the Youth Sector, Youth Development theories and the benefits of youth participation in local government authorities.

4. Demographic Data

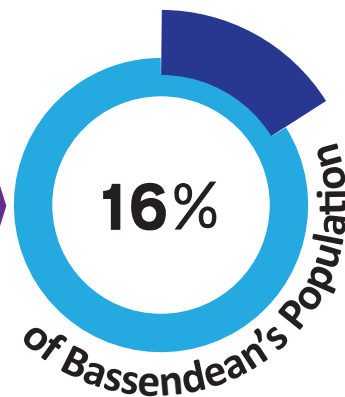
Statistical Information pertaining to the profile of Town of Bassendean's young people was obtained from the 2011 ABS Census Data and 2011 EMRC Social Atlas profile.

The Town of Bassendean Youth Statement details best practice, and a framework to guide the Town's planning and operations in supporting all young people. The Town of Bassendean Value Statement highlights the benefits of youth participation and engagement for young people and Local Government authorities. It highlights the 'Positive Youth Development' principles, the role of Local Government authorities within the Youth Sector, and finally the roles and responsibilities of the Town of Bassendean in supporting young people.

The Value Statement is a declaration of what the Town of Bassendean aims to achieve for young people through the Town's practice, philosophies and strategic priorities.



YOUTH POPULATION: 2317 PEOPLE AGED 12 to 24



47%



53%



31%
Secondary
School



7%
TAFE



12%
University



32%
Full time work²



25%
Part time work²



44%
Not working or
looking for work²



5%
identify as
Aboriginal¹

77%
connected
to the
www



19%
have undertaken
volunteer work

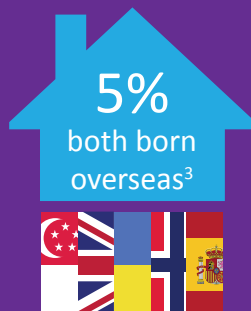
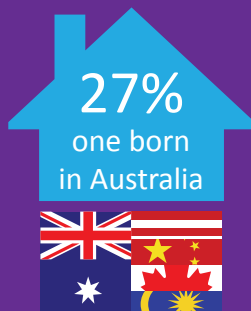
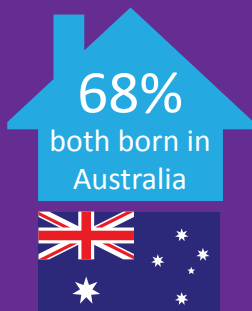


58%
Christian



6%
Other religions

Parents
place
of
birth



Statistics based on
the 2011 Australian
Census.

¹Includes Aboriginal,
Torres Strait Islander
and both Aboriginal
and Torres Strait
Islander.

²For persons 15 to 24
years only.

³Includes birthplace
not stated

Town of Bassendean Community Profile

The Town of Bassendean is a Local Government Authority spanning over 11 square kilometres with 14,404 residents bordering the Swan River in the North Eastern Region of the Perth Metropolitan Area. The Town benefits from economies of scale through its membership of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) which comprises the Local Governments of Bassendean, Bayswater, Belmont, Kalamunda, Mundaring and Swan.

The Town includes the three suburbs of Ashfield, Bassendean and Eden Hill, whose residents and ratepayers are represented by six Councillors.

The Diversity of Bassendean's Young People

The young people residing, studying, working or visiting the Town of Bassendean come from differing age ranges, socio-economic circumstances and cultural backgrounds.

The needs of young people are complex and constantly changing depending on their backgrounds and particular circumstances. Council recognises that significant numbers of young people may share common barriers to accessing services, facilities and resources available in the community. Young people therefore often require specifically targeted support to assist in overcoming these barriers. Furthermore there are a number of characteristics that are contributors to a young person being considered 'at risk' or 'disadvantaged'.

These characteristics can include:

- Unemployment
- Aboriginal background
- Low income
- CaLD background
- Disabilities
- Homelessness
- Low literacy and numeracy skills
- Offending behaviour

Town of Bassendean Youth Programs

The Town of Bassendean has a strong history of supporting young people in the region. In 1985, the Council began the Bassendean Youth Service and still today provides vital support for many young people in the community.

Since 1985, Bassendean Youth Services has developed and facilitated programs and delivered government contracts that have provided young people with the following services:

Case management funding for Bassendean Youth Services is provided by State Government via the Department for Child Protection and Family Support. These funds are used to deliver case management services and an unstructured 'drop in' recreation and support program offering access to youth specific facilities, IT, and individual support. The aim of recreational programs is to provide positive social opportunities in a supervised environment, allowing for the development of longer-term support relationships and future referral to specialist services. Additional programs, events and projects are delivered through grant funding, corporate sponsorship and Town of Bassendean contributions.

Mainstream youth needs are supported by the Council's Sport and Recreation programs which encourage young people to participate and be physically active. The Bassendean Memorial Library provides young people access to information in diverse formats. The Town also provides the Dudley Robinson Youth Grants program to support individuals participate in representative sport, culture, and leadership opportunities.

Overall, Council recognises that catering for the needs of young people today requires an innovative and creative approach which at times involves the breaking of new ground and developing innovative strategies. In addition, Council believes that it has responsibilities which extend beyond the confines of the Town's boundaries and will work collaboratively with other agencies and stakeholders to form strategic partnerships where necessary to meet the needs of the Town's young people.

Regional Participation

The Town of Bassendean recognises that it is part of the larger Eastern Metropolitan Region and is committed to active participation in activities within the region which will provide a greater benefit to the young people in our community. In addition, Council recognises that young people are highly mobile and travel between local government areas to access services and facilities, or pursue leisure and social interests.

Local Governments in the region therefore have a shared responsibility for the needs of the region's young people. These youth needs are often best addressed by using a regional and cooperative approach to policy development and program delivery. The Town of Bassendean has demonstrated leadership in working collaboratively, and creating opportunities for

the development of regional initiatives. The Town of Bassendean was a key stakeholder in establishing NEYON – North East Youth Organisations Network and lead agency in developing the Youth Sector eForum. Both these forums provide Youth Sector workers the opportunity to network, provide a forum to discuss current issues pertaining to young people, and professional development opportunities.

The Town of Bassendean will continue to work collaboratively with key stakeholders and agencies to provide support for young people in the region.

The Benefits of Involving Young People

Involving young people in the community benefits everyone. Research shows improvements in skills, opportunities, knowledge, health and well-being for younger and older people, plus better, more effective services.

The development of skills through;

- Problem solving and decision making.
- Creative and critical thinking.
- Collaboration, communication and negotiation.
- Researching and evaluating information.
- Flexibility and adaptability.

Realising opportunities through;

- Increasing social networks.
- Building employment and career networks.
- Increasing aspirations.
- Providing a sense of purpose and value.
- Contributing to ongoing community participation.

Increased knowledge through;

- Improving engagement in learning and academic achievement.
- Strengthening understanding of local history.
- Increasing knowledge of community issues and cultures.
- Building social awareness and responsibility.
- Increasing empathy and respect for older people's experiences and achievements.

Improved health and wellbeing through;

- Improved physical and mental health.
- Experiencing a sense of belonging.
- Building resilience, optimism, positivity and enjoyment of life.
- Increasing access to trusted adults.
- Diversion from violence, anti-social and risk-taking behaviours.

Importance of Youth Participation and Engagement

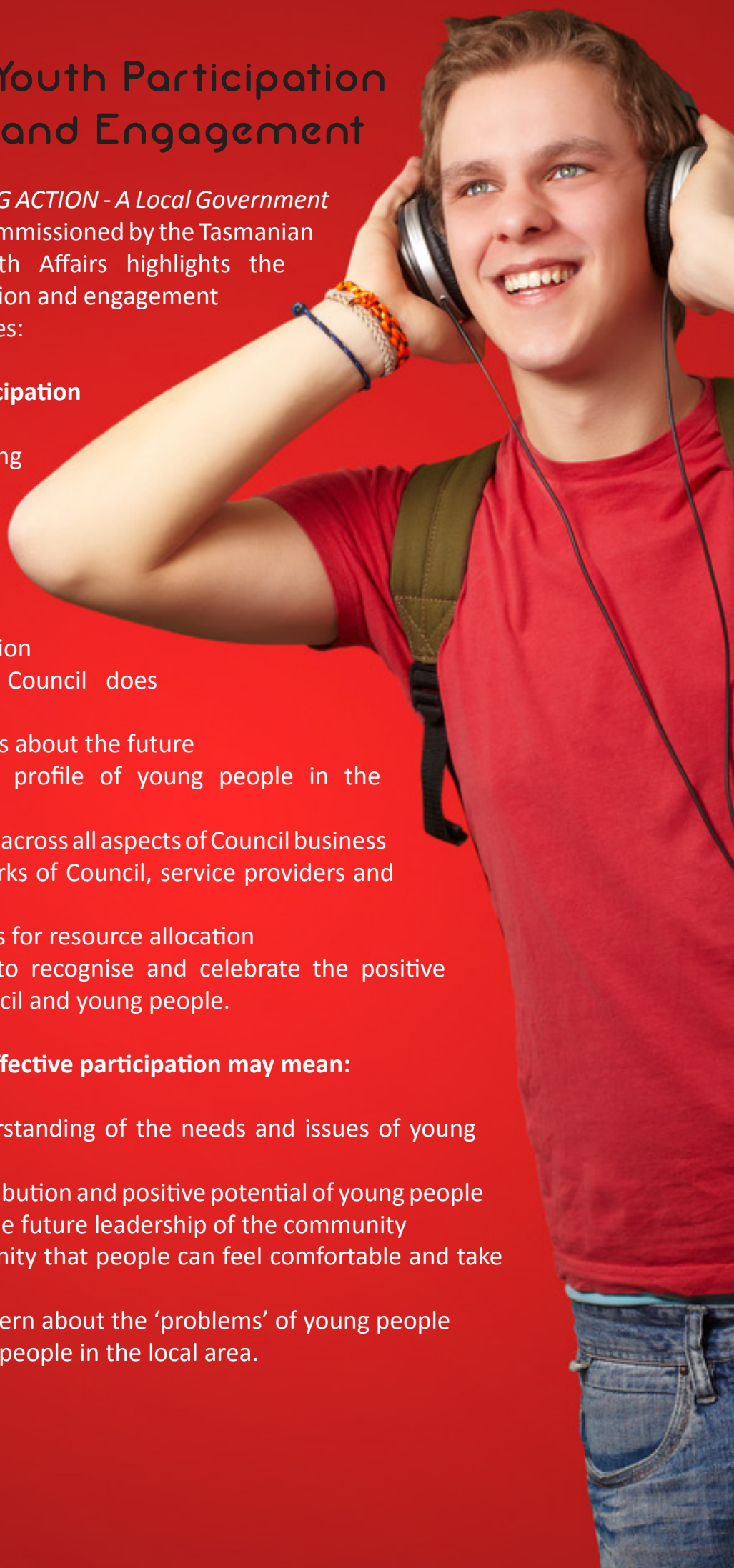
TALKING PARTICIPATION TAKING ACTION - A Local Government Guide to Youth Participation commissioned by the Tasmanian Office of Children and Youth Affairs highlights the importance of youth participation and engagement for local government authorities:

For Councils, effective participation may mean:

- being 'in tune' with young people's needs and expectations
- investing in future community leadership and capacity building
- creating a positive impression about Council and how Council does business
- demonstrating Council cares about the future
- creating a more accurate profile of young people in the community
- responding to young people across all aspects of Council business
- developing stronger networks of Council, service providers and young people
- developing clearer priorities for resource allocation
- discovering opportunities to recognise and celebrate the positive achievements of both Council and young people.

For the broader community effective participation may mean:

- developing a greater understanding of the needs and issues of young people
- recognising the value, contribution and positive potential of young people
- developing confidence in the future leadership of the community
- building a stronger community that people can feel comfortable and take pride in
- reducing unwarranted concern about the 'problems' of young people
- potentially retaining young people in the local area.



Local Government Role in Youth Development and Youth Work Sector

Definition

Youth is best understood as a period of transition from the dependence of childhood to adulthood's independence. That's why, as a category, youth is more fluid than other fixed age-groups. The United Nations for statistical purposes, defines those persons between the ages of 15 and 24 as youth.

The Town of Bassendean youth cohort mainly addresses the developmental needs of young people between 12 – 20, however recognises the importance of 21 – 25 and the transition into adulthood.

Positive Youth Development

'Positive Youth Development' is a set of practices which enable young people to reach their full developmental potential, and is used by agencies, programs, schools and communities. The Positive Youth Development framework is important for the Town of Bassendean to recognise in its planning for and interaction with young people.

Key Components of Positive Youth Development include:

Engagement: Young people need opportunities to engage in meaningful activities, have a voice in decisions, take responsibility for their actions, and actively participate in the life of the community.

Connectedness: Young People need to belong, and be connected to family and community to thrive.

Preparedness: Young people need to develop competencies and skills to ready themselves for overall wellness, work, and adult life.

Positive Youth Development has six focus areas within the framework:

- Emphasis of positive outcomes
- Youth voice
- Strategies which aim to involve all youth
- Long term involvement
- Community involvement
- Emphasis on collaboration

The Role of Local Government in the Youth Sector

Local Government have a significant role to play in the Youth Work Sector. The Town of Bassendean have demonstrated this through ongoing service delivery and are considered important stakeholders in the North East Metropolitan region.

In 2013, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Municipal Association of Victoria undertook a project to highlight good practices in providing services to Young People – ‘Right in the mix: Roles of Victoria Councils in the delivery of services to vulnerable Young People’.

A summary of the findings indicated that Local Government play a key role in the delivery of universal prevention and early intervention programs for Young People. Furthermore, Councils are pivotal to program and community planning in connecting services and developing partnerships.

The report identified the different roles Local Government plays in the Youth Sector. These roles include:

- Prevention
- Secondary and tertiary services
- Planning
- Coordination
- Data and data collection
- Value adding
- Programs delivered in schools
- Delivering State funded programs.

This sentiment was reinforced at the *2015 Local Government Youth Services Forum* held in Melbourne. Keynote speaker Professor Robyn Broadbent highlighted that all Councils and communities can help keep young people safe and connected. Furthermore she reinforced that if Local Government accepted their responsibilities to young people, Youth Services could provide targeted support in universal, early intervention and tertiary support.

The forum concluded that the future for Local Government’s Youth Services delivery needs to remain a vital space for young people to engage with a range of supports. Local Government Youth Services need to be responsive, dynamic and visible, with drop-in and online options with outreach capacity.

Town of Bassendean 2030 Vision

By the Year 2030, the Town wants to be recognised as an ideal, highly accessible urban hub location in which to participate in a cohesive, vibrant, and diverse community lifestyle and thriving local business economy within a high quality built and natural environment.



In order to achieve a Safe and Healthy Community, the Town of Bassendean will be guided by the following principles:

- That effective community engagement and consultation is essential;
- That community participation in events, public forums and representation on Council Committees and working parties will be the accepted norm;
- That social justice principles and access and equity considerations will ensure equitable outcomes for disadvantaged and underrepresented groups within the community;
- That empowering communities to solve their own problems and reach their aspirations strengthens social capital;
- That community and individual health and well-being is enhanced by early intervention and a pro-active, holistic approach involving physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, social and community perspectives;
- That employment, enterprise and volunteering opportunities, and access to fulfilling pursuits contribute to the general well-being of the community;
- That a collaborative, whole of government approach provides the best use of resources and creates synergies to build a safer, healthier community;
- That all residents have a right to a 'fair go', to be treated with dignity and respect, and to feel safe and secure regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, religious or political conviction, sexual orientation or ability.

Town of Bassendean Youth Services Vision

To enhance the quality of young people's lives as valued members of the community by ensuring that Council processes are inclusive of young people, and that young people have access to a range of quality facilities and support services which are responsive to their diverse needs, and ensures they are active participants in the Town of Bassendean community.

Youth Services Guiding Principles

Bassendean Youth Services will be guided by the following principles to ensure access to support services, programs and facilities for young people which are:

Planned and Coordinated: Council recognises services to the community are best delivered in a holistic, coordinated manner and that any Council planning processes such as land use planning, strategic planning and recreation planning must consider the needs of young people.

Efficient and Accountable: Council requires services for young people to be delivered in a cost effective, competitive, transparent and accountable manner.

Participative: Council encourages that as users of Council facilities and community services, young people should be directly involved in all stages of their development, design and management. Council encourages young people's participation in Council's decision making processes and in community life generally.

Accessible: Council seeks to ensure that young people have ready access to a comprehensive range of services and facilities in the community.

Diversity and Equity: Council recognises diversity amongst young people in planning any strategies or responses to youth issues and recognises that the most disadvantaged young people require additional support.

Collaborative Partnerships: Council will strive to work collaboratively and in partnership to address youth issues with agencies and stakeholders.

Council's Roles and Responsibilities

Town of Bassendean undertakes a number of roles and responsibilities to support young people in the community. These include:

Service Delivery: The direct involvement of Council, independently or in partnership in the provision of services, programs, projects and facilities for young people.

Planning: The involvement of Council, independently or in collaboration with other stakeholders participating in the planning processes: needs analysis, developing strategies, implementing and evaluating strategies for young people in the region.

Coordination: Council working in a leadership role with community groups and other agencies to ensure the efficient use of resources to meet the needs of local young people. A coordinated approach seeks to avoid duplication of effort and resources and encourages working in partnership to achieve common goals.

Support: Providing assistance to other community groups who are supporting young people. Assistance could be financial, the use of facilities or equipment, providing advice or information or endorsing funding applications.

Advocacy: Representing the interests of young people by highlighting issues pertaining to them at all levels of government and within the community. Furthermore, advocacy will promote young people in a positive way and challenge negative stereotyping.



Town of Bassendean Youth Priorities

The Town of Bassendean has identified the following priorities for young people in the community. Each priority area includes the Town's Values Statement, Aim and Strategy:

Accommodation and Housing

Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- accepts that accommodation is a basic need and right of all individuals;
- acknowledges that young people's accommodation needs to be best met in a safe, stable, caring and supportive environment;
- supports the maintenance of positive family relationships between young people and their parents and caregivers;
- recognises that many young adults choose to live away from the family home as a natural stage of maturation, or because of the need to live near work or educational institutions;
- acknowledges that life within the family home can become intolerable for some young people who subsequently become homeless;
- acknowledges an increase in youth homelessness in the region, and a serious shortage of suitable accommodation;
- is committed to supporting access by young people to a range of safe, affordable, housing options.

Aim

To encourage young people to remain in safe, stable, caring and supportive environments, to foster the provision of a broad range of accessible accommodation options for young people and to assist in minimising youth homelessness within the Town and the North East Metropolitan Region.

Objectives

1. Encourage and assist agencies to support and promote relationships between young people and their families and carers, and provide support in times of crisis;
2. Ensure that the Town of Bassendean's planning processes including town planning scheme reviews, consider the accommodation needs of young people, and consider a range of accommodation and housing options;
3. Ensure that young people have access to relevant information and assistance relating to the accommodation and housing options available to them;
4. Raise awareness of Council members, staff and Town of Bassendean Executive about

the accommodation needs of young people, gaps which exist in the provision of accommodation, barriers to access, and the underlying causes of youth homelessness; and

5. Work in partnership with other local government authorities, government departments, service providers and the community to promote supported housing for homeless young people.

Participation and Positive Promotion

Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- acknowledges that effective ongoing consultation with all sectors of the community including young people is a major Council priority;
- acknowledges that young people are an important and integral part of the community, and have a right to be consulted and have their views taken seriously;
- acknowledges that young people should be consulted in decisions and policy making processes on issues that affect them; and
- regrets that young people at times have been negatively represented, and that ongoing positive promotion is needed to counter this perception in the community.

Aim

To ensure that young people are regularly consulted about relevant issues, participate in Council decisions effecting their lives, and benefit from positive promotional initiatives developed by Council.

Objectives

1. Identify on an ongoing basis, issues of priority importance and concerns shared by young people;
2. Ensure young people are consulted in the planning stage of Council policy development and have effective input into Council's decision making process; and
3. Maximise opportunities to positively promote young people and their achievements.



Employment, Education and Training

Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- acknowledges that achievement in education and training has many positive benefits and increases a young person's ability to find employment;
- acknowledges that employment promotes a sense of wellbeing as well as financial and social independence;
- understands that young people who become disengaged from school have a higher tendency to engage in juvenile offending and harmful behaviours;
- understands that young people who become long term unemployed generally experience a loss of self-esteem, have poorer health and are more likely to engage in harmful behaviours than those who are employed; and
- acknowledges that it has a role to play in supporting education, training and employment opportunities for young people.

Aim

To maximise the opportunities for young people to participate in employment, education and training, to assist them to overcome barriers to participation.

Objectives

1. Work independently and in partnership with other Local Government authorities, government departments, service providers and the community to encourage the growth of education, training and employment opportunities for young people in the Town of Bassendean and the North Eastern Metropolitan Region;
2. Support employers, schools and training providers in their provision of opportunities for young people;
3. Ensure that young people have access to relevant information and assistance relating to employment, education and training options;
4. Participate in networks with key service providers and agencies supporting young people's access to employment, education and training.

Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean

- acknowledges that young people are an important segment of the community and require the equitable allocation of Council and community resources;
- recognises that to fulfill its community services obligations it may be required to directly fund some services to young people;
- recognises that to maximise the effectiveness of scarce resources, a planned and coordinated approach to service delivery is essential;
- acknowledges that local government is well placed to identify sources of funding and to facilitate, coordinate and support funding applications on behalf of the community; and
- recognises that it can form strategic partnerships with State, Commonwealth and the Community Services sector to provide services for young people.

Aim

To work independently and in partnership to maximise the coordination and funding of services and programs for young people in the Town of Bassendean and the North East Metropolitan Region.

Objectives

1. Identify funding priorities to meet the needs of young people;
2. Be aware of funding opportunities and understand the shift in policy directions of State and Commonwealth Governments, and submit appropriate funding submissions;
3. Work independently and in partnership with other local government authorities, government departments, service providers and the community to attract funding for youth services and programs in the Town of Bassendean and the North East Metropolitan region; and
4. Support community organisations with funding applications by providing advice, letters of support and practical assistance.



Value and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- Acknowledges that the health of young people is intrinsically linked to their social well-being and that this is a community responsibility;
- Acknowledges that adolescence is a life stage of rapid physical and emotional growth and development;
- Acknowledges that youth is a stage of life characterised by relatively good physical health, but some young people may experience mental health issues;
- Accepts that the health needs of young people need to be viewed in a holistic manner embracing physical, emotional, mental and social well-being;
- Recognises that community and preventive health strategies and access to quality health care are important for the well-being of young people;
- Recognises that many young people engage in risk taking behaviours which may result in conflict and acts of violence, or are themselves the victims of violence;
- Acknowledges that whilst health is primarily a State and Commonwealth responsibility, the Town of Bassendean has an important role to play;
- Acknowledges that relatively poor health suffered by many Aboriginal young people is preventable and treatable.

Aim

To encourage young people to establish and maintain healthy lifestyles by making informed choices about their behaviours.

Objectives

1. Provide and support a range of healthy activities in which young people can participate;
2. Increase the awareness and knowledge of young people about healthy lifestyle choices, prevention and harm reduction strategies;
3. Increase the awareness of young people about how and where to access available health services; and
4. Ensure that young people have access to a wide range of health services in Bassendean and the North East Metropolitan region.

Value and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- Recognises that the overwhelming majority of young people are responsible, law abiding citizens and only a small percentage of young people are linked to the justice system;
- Recognises that nevertheless, young people and in particular Aboriginal young people, are over represented in the justice system;
- Recognises that there are a number of reasons for juvenile offending including; low socioeconomic environment, lack of family support, low self-esteem, and limited education and training opportunities;
- Regrets the negative media portrayal of young people by focusing on reports of juvenile criminal activity;
- Recognises that many young people complain of being 'harassed' and 'moved on' by Police; and
- Recognises the importance of working in partnership with the community and Police to manage and minimise crime in the Town of Bassendean.

Aim

To encourage greater communication and understanding between young people, their families, carers and the Police, and ensure that young people have access to legal information and are aware of their legal rights and responsibilities.

Objectives:

1. Provide and support a range of diversionary recreational activities in which young people can participate;
2. Promote positive alternatives to juvenile offending behaviour and support strategies amongst young people;
3. Increase the awareness and knowledge of young people about their legal rights and responsibilities and available support services;
4. Promote positive communication and cooperation between young people and the Police and foster improved community relations generally ; and
5. Provide a leadership role in debate and action at the local, regional and state level regarding positive approaches to addressing juvenile crime.

Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- Recognises that young people's diverse leisure needs are often different to other age groups in the community;
- Recognises that young people gain significant personal and social benefits from participation in structured and unstructured leisure pursuits;
- Recognises that adolescence is a stage of life characterised by relating high levels of energy, enthusiasm, creativity and risk taking behaviour: and
- Recognises that young people often require physical and mental challenges to satisfy their developmental needs.

Aim

To support and encourage the provision of a diverse range of structured, unstructured and casual leisure and recreation options which can be readily accessed by the Town's young people.

Objective

1. Provide and support a diverse range of affordable, accessible and responsive recreational programs, services and events in which young people can participate;
2. Encourage the development and management of facilities and public spaces that are appealing and meet the diverse leisure needs of young people;
3. Provide information services which are attractive and relevant to young people; and
4. To ensure that young people have access to information about leisure opportunities available in the Town of Bassendean and in the North East Metropolitan region.

Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- Understands that there are limited options available for young people to meet and socialise, particular for those with limited financial resources;
- Understand that young people enjoy the passive use of leisure time and ‘just hanging out’ to socialise and interact with friends in public spaces;
- Recognises that the use of public space in commercial areas by young people to meet and congregate can lead to misunderstanding and conflicts between young people and some adults and retailers;
- Recognises the importance of retail owners being able to operate profitably, and for their customers to feel safe and comfortable in public spaces;
- Recognises that exclusion and zero tolerance programs further alienate young people and increases the likelihood of conflict in public places;
- Recognises that, by law, young people have equal rights to access public spaces as any other group in the community;
- Recognises that all community members have a responsibility to interact in a harmonious manner in public spaces;
- Recognises that young people can be the perpetrators and victims of racism and acts of violence in public spaces; and
- Recognises that young people require specifically developed, safe, accessible ‘youth friendly’ areas where they can socialise and engage in passive leisure activities.

Aim

To foster communication and understanding between young people and the local community to ensure that young people are accepted and encouraged to use accessible public spaces.

Objectives

1. Foster positive relationships between young people using the Town’s shopping centres and precincts, and business people;
2. Ensure young people have access to safe, appealing and strategically located public spaces to congregate and to engage in leisure pursuits;
3. Ensure that young people as community members are aware of their rights and responsibilities regarding access to public space; and
4. Ensure that Council maintains a comprehensive strategy regarding the community use of public spaces.



Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- Recognises the importance of Bassendean's young people from diverse cultural backgrounds expressing and celebrating their cultural diversity;
- Recognises that cultural expression is an important vehicle for young people to express their vitality and their thoughts, fears, hopes and critical reactions to society and their environment;
- Understand that some young people gain employment or income supplementation through artistic endeavors; and
- Recognises that young people are entitled to participate in the cultural life of the community and should be included in policy and project development.

Aim

To support and encourages young people to celebrate their cultural heritage and identity, to further develop their own forms of expression and to contribute to the cultural life of the Town through arts projects and public events.

Objectives

1. Provide opportunities for the expression and celebration of cultural diversity;
2. Ensure opportunities for cultural expression and creative participation relevant to young people are provided;
3. Ensure the contributions of young people are incorporated into the Town's Cultural and Arts policies, plans and programs; and
4. Ensure young people have access to information about Cultural and Arts opportunities available in the Town of Bassendean and in the North East Metropolitan region.

Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean

- Recognises that transport is of crucial importance in young people being able to interact socially and to access; education, employment, health and community services, entertainment and leisure opportunities;
- Recognises that many young people rely on public transport
- Recognises that cycling is an important means of transport for young people
- Accepts that transport needs of young people should be considered in equal importance with those of any other section of the community; and
- Is concerned that young people are both the perpetrators and victims of violence in and around public transport facilities

Aim

To encourage young people to access to safe, affordable and convenient transport options within the Town of Bassendean and North East Metropolitan Region

Objective

1. Encourage the operators of public and commercial transport to provide a safe, affordable, accessible and comprehensive transport systems within Bassendean and the North East Metropolitan Region
2. Provide transport options for young people accessing Bassendean Youth Services programs;
3. Expand the network of cycle-ways and dual-use paths within the Town's boundaries; and
4. Ensure, where possible, that community facilities and services for young people are situated in close proximity to public transport.

Volunteering and Civic Participation

Values and Issues Statement

The Town of Bassendean:

- Recognises the importance of volunteering for both young people and the community;
- Acknowledges that volunteering helps to build young people's self-worth and resilience;
- Acknowledges that volunteering provides young people with workability skills that can help them gain employment;
- Recognises volunteering opportunities provide an opportunity for young people to share and build on their knowledge, skills and interests through active citizenship;
- Recognises that not all volunteering opportunities are appropriate for young people and nor are they widely promoted.

Aim

The Town of Bassendean aims to encourage young people to undertake volunteering in the community, through promoting the social and emotional benefits and developing youth specific volunteering opportunities through the Town.

Objective

1. Collaborate with the Bassendean Volunteer Centre to promote suitable youth specific volunteering roles and encourage young people to get involved in volunteering in the community.
2. Maximise opportunities through Town of Bassendean's Youth Advisory Council and Youth Events to develop volunteering opportunities for young people.



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Home by the Swan