

Fact Sheet



Youth services

The Barossa Council is committed to supporting and enhancing opportunities for the youth of the Barossa region. This includes support for projects by and for young people, in addition to Council initiated projects, events and programs.

Council employs a Youth Project Coordinator who works with youth service providers, schools and young people to advocate for youth needs and address issues by building on the community's commitment to youth development.

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

The Youth Project Coordinator manages the YAC which is a committee of young people aged 12 to 25 who plan, promote and deliver youth events, programs and services in the Barossa region. YAC meets monthly at The Barossa Council chambers to discuss youth events, programs and services.

Youth grants

The Barossa Council has committed funds to assist local young people (aged 18 years and under who reside in The Barossa Council area) who have excelled in a particular sport/cultural/recreational activity and have been selected for State or National representation, or an individual who has been selected for significant development opportunity as a result of excellence in a particular field (eg sporting, cultural or recreational activities).

Youth Grant applications remain open all year and are assessed by the Community Assistance Scheme Committee.

For more information about youth grants visit the website www.barossa.sa.gov.au

National Youth Week

Council provides a variety of activities and events each year to coincide with Youth Week, the national celebration of youth. This is often done in conjunction with local schools and youth service providers. We welcome input from local young people on ideas and projects for Youth Week events.

Safe Schoolies program

The 'Safe Schoolies' program is an initiative of The Barossa Council and is funded by Rotary Barossa. The program provides a return bus service at low cost between the Barossa and Victor Harbor so Year 12 students can safely attend the Schoolies Festival without the need to take their cars.



Youth Barossa

Youth Barossa is a network of committed organisations, workers and volunteers that work together to share resources and accumulate knowledge, skills and funds to promote and advance young people and their projects. Council's Youth Co-ordinator is an active member of the Youth Barossa committee.

A core role of Youth Barossa is managing a small grants scheme for individuals and groups to fund youth projects, and also an emergency voucher scheme. Youth Barossa holds an open network meeting every two months for youth sector information sharing.

Youth programs

Council is committed to providing young people with opportunities to experience life in local government and regularly engages work experience students from local schools.

In conjunction with such programs as the Local Government Association's Regional Youth Traineeship Program, Council offers trainee positions to young people (who meet eligibility criteria) to gain Local Government knowledge and experience different sections of council. These places are advertised through the local press as they become available.

A Young Citizen of the Year award is presented each year at Council's Australia Day Breakfast to recognise the community achievements of a young person.

To contact Council's Youth Coordinator about any youth related issue or project call 8563 8444. Visit the Youth pages of Council's website www.barossa.sa.gov.au for more information or visit www.facebook.com/youthcoord