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**"Whatever You Can
Dream, You Can Achieve"**
Walt Disney

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Coming Events

- * **June 27th** - Thinking for the Future with Michael O'Meara
- * **July School Holidays** - Circus Workshop

This is a guide only details, dates and further activities to be confirmed.

A Big Hello to all the New Buddies and Mentors for 2006!

Hello Everyone,

Once Again the year is flying by. True Blue Dreaming has been very busy over the last few months with the Youth Zone Grand Opening and the recruitment of new buddies and mentors.

The Youth Zone is proving to be very popular, with a full house on the afternoons it is open. The Youth Zone will soon have a new basketball and netball

hoop, volleyball equipment and more indoor entertainment. The Youth Zone is open on Monday afternoon from 3.00-5.30pm. Keep your ears open as it may be reopening on a Wednesday afternoon.

Great fun was had by all when we held the True Blue Celebration for National Youth Week. 16 New mentors came to Wylie for the day to get to



know the local youth. Congratulations to everyone involved!

A huge thanks to **Eddie Duffy**, he has been a tremendous help to TBD taking the role of head Chef, bus driver and a very busy bee. Thanks to everyone who has helped make True Blue Dreaming the success that it is!

Youth Zone Grand Opening

The first planning of the zone began in early 2005, when the youth expressed a need for a place to hang out. In June 2005 a meeting was held to plan the development of the zone. The local youth identified their need for the zone including resources, equipment required and design of the centre. In December 2005 a Youth Zone Committee was formed. The members are Joint Presidents Beau Buxton and Jack Pink, Treasurer David Stanik, Secretary Tamika Rowe, Grounds Keeper Mitchell Everett, Marketing & Promotions Barney Boys,

adult coordinators are Eddy Duffy from the Wyalkatchem Police and Fiona Conley from True Blue Dreaming. The first busy bee was in February with 22 locals lending a helping hand. A tremendous amount of work was done by all to clean the inside and maintain the gardens. The Youth Zone committee then completed large pieces of aerosol art to decorate the Zone. Through funding from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs TBD was able to purchase a pool table, TV, X box, DVD, stereo, board games

and sporting equipment. Members of the community generously donated fridges, BBQ, microwaves, lounges, table & chairs, outdoor setting, cupboards, Karaoke DVDs, crockery & books. Future projects include a multi purpose sports area and additional indoor resources. The Youth Zone is now open on Mondays for youth 10 years and older from 3.00-5.30pm. The need is there to open the Zone on more afternoons. If you are willing to volunteer your time to keep the Zone open please call Fiona Conley on 0428 372 179.

True Blue Celebration - National Youth Week

On Saturday 1st April the True Blue Dreaming crew shared an action packed day of fun in Wyalkatchem to celebrate National Youth Week. Over 40 people attended including 20 mentors from Perth.

The day started on a more serious note with goal setting, community development and a discussion about issues affecting youth in Wyalkatchem and ways to overcome them. Ideas were brainstormed regarding bullying and depression. The Buddies and Mentors looked at the characteristics of bullying and ideas for prevention. Skits on negative and

positive scenarios for the aforementioned issues were performed. goals and community development projects were brainstormed with a big interest in a skate park, these ideas will be further discussed when Michael O'meara facilitates a community visioning workshop in June. The afternoon was filled with entertainment including balloon tower structures, Piñata decorating, iced biscuits and arm plastering. The entertainment then flowed into the evening with a Blue Light Disco for the youth.



Balloon Tower Structure

Fairbridge Camp

During the April school holidays 17 True Blue Dreaming buddies, headed down to fairbridge to take part in the Cool Leadership Camp.

Established in 1912, the founder of present day Fairbridge Village, Kingsley Fairbridge, aimed to provide children with a sense of self worth and the training and skills necessary for their future in rural areas of Australia.

Though times have changed the core needs of young people have not and with direct relation to young people Fairbridge Village continues to emphasise: an exhilaration for life, an appreciation for heritage, harmonious relationships with the environment, and responsibility for the future. Whilst on Camp the buddies were able to participate in a range of activities including: rock climbing, surfing, a

visit to the Armadale reptile park, raft building and hiking in Dwellingup. The fun continued with a theatre sports workshop, karaoke, disco, superman swing and flying fox. New experiences and fun was had by all but more importantly new friendships and lasting bonds were made. Another big thank you to Eddie Duffy who transported the buddies to and from camp.

Perth Zoo - Matching Day

On Sunday 8th May it was an early start for 13 Wylie youth as they headed to the Perth Zoo at 7am. Thirteen buddies and mentors were matched in the first round of matching for 2006, where relationships were established in a mutual, relaxed environment. Buddies and Mentors were asked to spend the day having fun together while exploring the zoo! However it wasn't all about fun and frivolity... together the buddies and mentors completed their personal snap-

shots, planning worksheets, activity lists and goals and objectives. Lots of fun was had discovering the Asian rainforest, African savannah, Australian walkabout and the Australian wetlands. There was so much excitement and chatter happening most matches didn't have time to view the entire zoo! Overall it was a very successful day, with all the buddies extremely excited and happy on the journey home.



Buddies and Mentors at Perth Zoo

Profile - Aiden Mizen / Buddie

Where Do You Live?

Wyalkatchem

Favourite Food

Fried Rice

Favorite Hobby

Football

Where would you most like to visit?

Hawaii— Crystal Clear water & white sand

Favourite Movie

Blue Crush

Favourite Music

Nickleback

Ambitions/Goals

To Become an AFL Player

Best thing about TBD?

Achieving your goals



Adam and Aiden

Profile - Adam Klaric / Mentor

Where Do you Live?

Gosnells, grew up in Waroona

Favourite Food

Lasagna

Favourite Hobby

Weight Training

Where would you most like to visit?

China — to see the Forbidden City and Great Wall of China

Favourite Movie

The Crow

Favourite Music

Nickleback

Ambitions/Goals

Finish Medicine to become a Doctor

Best thing About TBD?

Great way to give back to the community

Profile - Kimberley Duffy / Buddie

Where do you live?

Wyalkatchem

Favourite Food

Chocolate and spaghetti bolognaise

Favourite Hobby

Card collecting and Basketball

Where would you most like to visit?

UK, Ireland and Wales

Favourite Movie

Pink Panther

Favorite Music

Hip Hop

Ambitions/Goals

To do well in school to achieve a good job

Best thing about TBD

Going to Different places & meeting new friends



Kat and Kim

Profile - Katherine Jarosz / Mentor

Where do you live?

West Leederville, Lived in South Africa till 12 and then moved to Kalgoorlie

Favourite Food

Chocolate

Favourite Hobby

Loves going shopping

Where would you most like to visit?

India, to experience the culture

Favorite Movie

Endless Sunshine Of A Spotless Mind

Favourite Music

Soft Rock

Ambitions/Goals

Finish Uni to become a doctor, (currently in 3rd year), travel.

Best thing about TBD

Learning to Communicate with young people



Sarah and Rachel Learning to plaster at the True Blue Celebration

Welcome to Our new Buddies and Mentors

Mitchell Everett - Kate Gray
Kimberley Duffy - Katherine Jarosz
Alex McDonnell - Stephen Hicks
Troy Stanik - Amy Powles
Katie McKay - Jessica Merlot
Sarah McDonnell - Fiona Langelaan
Aiden Mizen - Adam Klaric
Rachel Hawser - Shannon Tippett
Mitchell Gibbs - Dana Luscher
Zoe Cumming - Megan Pilkington
Joshua Haggerty - Damien Turner
Tamica Rowe - Denitza Mironova
Grace Reahy-McKay - Lauren Ashbolt

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A **3 day Circus Workshop** will be held in the first week of the July school holidays on the 10th, 11th, and 12th, Monday - Wednesday.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for youth to develop new skills in juggling, acrobats, unicycling and stilt walking. Please keep these days free and watch out for further information

True Blue Dreaming — building bridges for Young Australians in rural and outback communities... inspiring them to reach their dreams.
The True Blue Dreaming Youth Mentoring Program aims to empower and build the capacity of young Australians living in rural areas to set and achieve personal and community goals, and in so doing develop a sense of value, identity and purpose within their community. This is achieved through the establishment and provision of a dedicated team of mentors for young people.