

Bassendean Cultural Identity Community Craft Workshops.

The people of Bassendean have always had a strong sense of identity and this was recognized recently with the approval of significant funding for a series of workshops to create a tapestry reflecting their rich cultural heritage and diversity of backgrounds.

‘The Community Arts Network of WA Catalyst Fund for projects was very competitive this time and it is very rewarding to receive this funding to promote the cultural and historic diversity that makes Bassendean such a special place ’ said Joyce Tasma ,the local Craftist and basket maker who will be organizing the free workshops.

The project was launched at the Multi- Cultural Festival held in Bassendean on the 24th October, 2009,and will continue from February 2010 with a series of free workshops where everyone is invited to participate and contribute their story. The main project will be a tapestry using recycled and found materials and reflect the cultural diversity of Bassendean.

‘The tapestry will be made with ideas and contributions from everyone involved. They will learn some simple weaving skills along the way and most of all have a lot of fun in the process’ Joyce said.

‘They will also be able to make their own projects to keep and there will be a display of the works later in the year at the Bassendean Library.’

The workshops are facilitated in such a way that everyone can participate regardless of age or abilities or number of attendances with an emphasis on inclusion.’

The project has strong support from the Bassendean Council and is seen as an important part of the development of the cultural plan

<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>
<i>Community</i>		
10am-1pm,	25 th February,	Bassendean Shopping Village
10am-1pm,	4 th March	Bassendean Shopping Village
<i>Youth</i>		
5pm-8pm,	11 th March,	Bassendean Youth Centre

5pm-8pm,	18 th March,	Bassendean Youth Centre
<i>Community</i>		
10-1pm,	6 th May,	Bassendean Senior Citizens Hall
10-1pm,	13 th May,	Bassendean Senior Citizens Hall
10-1pm,	20 th May,	Bassendean Senior Citizens Hall
10-1pm,	27 th May,	Bassendean Senior Citizens Hall

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