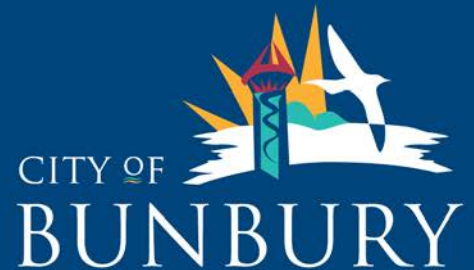


MEDIA STATEMENT



Tuesday, 14 March 2017

Festival shifts the focus to region's youth

Music, skateboarding, art and film will be among the highlights of a six-day festival that celebrates and encourages the region's youth.

The Shift 2017 Festival presented by Drug Aware is a drug and alcohol free event for young people aged 12 to 25 in the South West that has been planned and will be run by young people in conjunction with the City of Bunbury.

The Festival packed with free events kicks off Friday, April 7 with the Revolution Festival at the Graham Bricknell Music Shell from 6.30pm to 10pm and includes a youth concert with performances by Woolly Mammoth, The Brow and SW Urban Movement. There will also be food vans, bubble soccer, Silent Disco and more.

Activities head south on Saturday, 8 April for the South West Regional Youth Festival at Busselton Skatepark from 12noon to 5pm. It will feature bands and DJ, Aboriginal dancers, Welcome to Country, contemporary dance performances, African drumming, sumo suits, dreamcatcher workshops and a large gladiator game.

The attention turns to the silver screen on Sunday, 9 April with the Future Shorts Film Night at Good Earth, Bunbury from 4.30pm to 10pm. With Will Tuck from Freerun X5 the MC, it's a night to enjoy international short films, acoustic music with Elavina Williams and Andy Hopkins and tasty treats from an array of food vans.

A pop-up Breakfast Club at Withers Library from 7am on Monday, 10 April will feature free food, acoustic music with Elavina Williams and a youth program launch by the YMCA.

Art takes centre stage the following day at Bunbury Library from 3pm with Off The Wall, which includes the launch of the new youth area at the library, a three-week art workshop hosted by Bunbury artist Dee Mosca and the creation of a large-scale canvas at the youth area.

The Festival finishes with a bang on Wednesday, 12 April as the Skateboarding WA Competition and Demo Day Bunno-Rama takes to Bunbury Skatepark from 1pm to 5pm. The event will include a skateboarding competition, climbing wall, dual bungee trampolines, large gladiator game plus loads of food, including a free barbecue along with food vans.

For full details, search for Shift 2017 Festival presented by Drug Aware on Facebook.

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