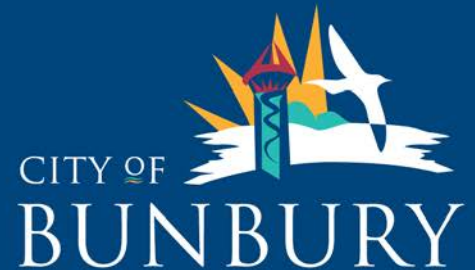


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From Tarantino, Pitbull and Kesha to performing back on home soil

She's worked with Quentin Tarantino, danced with Pitbull, Kesha, Timbaland and Ne-yo, and is now returning as a headline artist at the Mayor's Annual Variety Performance at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre on 20 July.

Jessica Newell hails from Busselton and moved to Sydney to pursue a dance career at the renowned Brent Street Studios. At 19 she signed up with the prestigious MSA Agency in Los Angeles, spending the next six years realising her dream to dance with world-famous music artists.

She worked with Tarantino in *Django Unchained* and was an extra and a double in the James Franco/Mila Kunis Wizard of Oz remake, *Oz the Great and Powerful*.

Now based back in Perth, Jessica teaches dance and aims to inspire young dancers to chase their dreams. She has created *A Dancer's Dream Tour*, taking performers to America to teach them about the performing arts industry.

"I was very lucky to be living the dream, dancing and performing alongside some of the world's most exciting artists, and now that I'm back in Perth, I want to inspire and challenge other home grown, talented dancers to chase their dreams," Jessica said.

"I am looking forward to being back in Bunbury, where it all began for me and perform at a show which showcases the amazing talent we have here in the South West."

The Mayor's Annual Variety Performance aims to highlight the rich and diverse array of talent in Bunbury and the South West and will serve as a fundraiser, with Mayor Gary Brennan and his wife Robyn, donating all proceeds from ticket sales to the performing artists and groups.

This extraordinary evening of entertainment will feature music from *The Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Miserables* by the South West Opera Company. The Philharmonic South West will perform classic pieces from its extensive repertoire, and accompany the WA Opera Company's Rob Littlewood, the Studio of Classical and Contemporary Dance, Nerida Mangano and the SWOC. The Bunbury City Band, Naked Villainy Theatre, Top Jazz Ballet and Koolankas Kreate will also perform.

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Tickets are just \$20 for adults and \$15 for children and are on sale now at BREC Ph: 1300 661 272.

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