

Tuesday 29 March 2011

### Action packed Youth Week in Indigo Shire

Some exciting events will be held throughout the Indigo Shire to celebrate Youth Week, which starts on Friday 1 April.

Beginning this Friday 1 April, a FReeza event will be held at the Barnawartha Hall from 7pm until midnight. The Barnawartha FReeza event has been organised by Indigo Shire's Y-Culture committee. FReeza is a Victorian Government program that supports young Victorians to get involved in community life by planning and running drug-free, smoke-free and alcohol-free music and cultural events for young people. Local and regional young bands will be coming together at Barnawartha to play a variety of music including acoustic, covers, alternate indie rock, metal and hardcore. Bands such as Forbidden Burning, Pete Jones, ROES, Beas Window, I am the Riot, Bella Johnston, The Suits and Daniel Greene will be taking to the stage to entertain the audience.

Indigo Shire's Youth Development Officer Annette Walton said Brendan Ryder, formally of Rutherglen band the Jimmies, will bring his new band from Melbourne - I am the Riot. "Brendan is looking forward to sharing his new music with his local community," Ms Walton said.

Ms Walton said other events for Youth Week included:

- Indigo Shire Youth Awards Ceremony on 7 April at the Rutherglen Hall from 6.30pm.

"The Youth Awards are an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the amazing young people who live, work and engage in the Indigo Shire. The evening will feature acoustic music from local young performers, a preview of the Indigo Flow Art Exhibition, finger food and speakers. The evening will conclude at 8pm," Ms Walton said. Please RSVP for catering purposes to 02 6028 1133.

- 9 April – free concert with BlueScope Steel Youth Orchestra, 2pm at the Rotunda in the Town Hall gardens in High Street, Beechworth. Bluescope Steel Youth Orchestra is a symphony orchestra based at the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music. This award-winning orchestra performs and tours regularly, both interstate and overseas. Recent tours have included France, Germany, Spain, Indonesia and Western Australia.
- 12 April - Indigo Flow art exhibition official opening, 6pm, at the Town Hall in High Street, Beechworth.
- Open Mic and Comedy events: Beechworth on Monday 11 April, Tangambalanga Friday 15 April, Rutherglen, Chiltern on the 21 April. Visit [www.facebook.com/indigoshire](http://www.facebook.com/indigoshire) for more information.

"These events give young people an opportunity to have hands-on roles in organising an event, they allow young people to share their skills and passions, they give all young people an opportunity to get involved, socialise and have fun," Ms Walton said. "They also celebrate and highlight the amazing young people we have in the Indigo Shire."

All young people in the community aged between 11 – 25 who would like to be involved in the FReeza committees or other Shire programs can contact Annette Walton on 1300 365 003 or 02 6028 1133.

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