

Tuesday 6 September 2011

Skaters, the heat is on

Skateboard, scooter and BMX riders get ready to show us what you are made of. This Saturday 10 September between 1pm - 5pm, skateboard, scooter and BMX riders will have the opportunity to compete in the *Indigo Bowl Series*.

Indigo Bowl Series is a skate, scooter and BMX competition, with heats being held in each skate park in Indigo Shire over the next few months. All riders in the community are welcome to enter the heats, to have the chance to compete to be Indigo Shire's best rider, at the final to be held at the Yackandandah Skate Park in December.

Saturday's competition will take place at the Rutherglen Skate Park and will feature performances from local bands *Forbidden Burning*, *Pete Jones*, *Beas Window*, *Higher Authority*, *Mad Science*, *Jess Gay* and *Bella Johnston*, throughout the afternoon. St Johns Ambulance will also give a presentation on how to deal with accidents if they occur at skate parks.

The idea for the series came from Brandon Taylor, 14, of Yackandandah and Josh Pressnel, 14, of Wooragee, and the event was organised by Brayden Neilson, 15, of Beechworth.

"We wanted to bring kids from all over the Shire that love scooters, BMX and skating together, have some fun, a competition, listen to some great music and also get to know the other skate parks in the Shire. All the skate parks are really different," Brandon said.

Brandon and Josh applied for funding from the Indigo Shire Youth Bushfire Response Gift, and with support from Indigo Shire Council's Youth Services and Sanction Events, Brayden organised the competition.

Entries are still welcome for all categories, including Under-15, Under-17 and Open. Waivers must be signed to enter the events and a parent or guardian must sign if the entrant is under 18. Buses will be running from Beechworth, Yackandandah, Chiltern and Wahgunyah. Buses must be booked by 5pm Wednesday 7 September.

To book the buses, for waiver forms or more information, please contact Indigo Shire Council Youth Development Officer Annette Walton on 0418 163 699, 1300 365 003 or 02 6028 1133, go to the Indigo Shire Facebook page, Council's website www.indigoshire.vic.gov.au or visit Indigo Shire Council Customer Service Centre in Rutherglen.

The Youth Bushfire Response Gift is funded by public donations to the Bushfire Appeal, and managed by the Office of Youth, along with the Department of Human Services. The project aims to encourage young people in bushfire affected areas to lead and actively participate in local community recovery projects.

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Caption: Cam Pianta showed off his tricks at the opening of the Beechworth Skate Bowl in January this year. People who love to ride scooters, BMX bikes and skateboards are encouraged show off their skills at the *Indigo Bowl Series* to be held over the coming months.