



MEDIA RELEASE

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Youth to Rock Yarra Plenty Regional Library

National Youth Week celebrates young people for the positive contribution they make to their communities. The theme of this year's National Youth Week is 'Make a Move'.

Boisterous twangs and strums will ring out among the book shelves at Diamond Valley Library when young people 'Get Loud' at a special guitar and songwriting workshop on March 28 as part of National Youth Week (28 March to 5 April).

This is a new addition to the Get Loud music event line-up at Yarra Plenty Regional Library. Now in its third successful year, the Get Loud library events celebrate local young talent and are becoming a staple on the community calendar.

Two experienced guitarists will encourage young guitar players to take their strumming further at the workshop. Band veterans **Guy Treadwell** (Run Baby Run) and **Dave Warneke** (Juliet's End) will teach songwriting essentials, including how to put songs together suitable for bands.

Young people will also be able to reveal their guitar-playing skills at an open-mic event following the workshop, which is open to all visitors to attend, and by playing the game Guitar Hero on the library's Nintendo Wii.

Both beginners and more experienced guitar players can learn new skills at the workshop, according to 'Get Loud' Nillumbik Event Coordinator Jane Warneke.

"It's not only about guitar playing, but putting that together with songwriting," Ms. Warneke says. "They can learn how to express themselves more with their music."

This event is supported by the Victorian Government and *beyondblue: the national depression initiative* (www.beyondblue.org.au) *Beyondblue* has teamed up with National Youth Week organisers across Australia to raise awareness of depression, anxiety and related drug and alcohol problems among young people.

'Get Loud' is a collaboration of Shire of Nillumbik Youth Services and Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

"The workshop is an opportunity for budding musicians to get involved, move ahead and celebrate their achievements," says Kerri Pleydell-Sander, Reading and Literacy Coordinator for Yarra Plenty Regional Library.



Yarra Plenty Regional Library board member Shire of Nillumbik Cr Lewis Brock agrees. "It's giving young people an avenue for expression. Personal expression is really important, and it also plants the seeds of possible future careers."

It's hoped that Get Loud, which also includes live band performances at Yarra Plenty Regional Library's Watsonia and Thomastown branches, will encourage the continuing development of programs bringing together young people in the region.

The guitar and song-writing workshop runs from 1.00pm to 2.30pm on Saturday March 28 at Diamond Valley library and the open-mic session, Guitar Hero-playing take place from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Free Pizza and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided at the guitar workshop event.

For more information about 'Get Loud' at Diamond Valley Library call 9439 9266, go to www.yprl.vic.gov.au or check out www.myspace.com/ypyouthspace

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

- Photograph of Dave Warneke and Guy Treadwell with guitars, microphone and young person among the books at Diamond Valley Library

Please contact me on 9401 0755 to organise an appropriate time for photography

- To arrange an interview with a 'Get Loud' Event Coordinator Jane Warneke at jwarneke@yprl.vic.gov.au or 0404 827 752
- To arrange an interview with the 'Get Loud' regional coordinator and Reading and Literacy Coordinator for Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Kerri Pleydell-Sander call 9401 0745 or kpsander@yprl.vic.gov.au

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