



MEDIA RELEASE

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**No Shushing Allowed when Local Artists Get Loud at 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'.***

Local young performers, hip hop groups, DJs, acoustic musicians and poets, are set to 'Get Loud' at Yarra Plenty Regional Library's Thomastown branch on April 4 as part of National Youth Week (28 March to 5 April).

Now in its third successful year, the Get Loud library events celebrate local young talent and are becoming a staple on the community calendar. This year, DJs, hip hop and poetry have been added to the acoustic music line-up. The Mill Park poetry group will read their poetry and Krumpers will demonstrate and teach the art of Krumping; an urban street dance-form that is characterised by free, expressive and highly energetic moves.

Young people are invited to come along to the event to have fun and show their support for local artists.

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| ■ Brad        | ■ DJ Sammy | ■ Krumpers        | ■ Mill Park  |
| ■ Lower Cases | ■ DJ Misha | ■ Hip Hop Artists | Poetry Group |
| ■ Olivia      | ■ DJ Manny | BC FAM            |              |

The event is a collaboration between Queen takes Jack — Whittlesea's committee of young people responsible for organising local youth events — Whittlesea Youth Services and Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

City of Whittlesea Youth Development Worker and event coordinator Sally Tyrrell says Get Loud benefits youth in three ways. "The organising committee members get skills putting together an event, it supports young local artists by showcasing their talent and helping them develop their performing skills, and it also provides young people with something safe and fun to do in an area where there's not a lot for them to do."

This event is supported by the Victorian Government and *beyondblue: the national depression initiative* ([www.beyondblue.org.au](http://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.

"We're excited to provide a venue where young people can engage positively with their community, showcase their talents and have a voice in the library," says Kerri Pleydell-Sander, Reading and Literacy Coordinator for Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

City of Whittlesea councillor and Yarra Plenty Regional Library board member Cr. Frank Merlino agrees. "Libraries have become true educational community centres catering for all age levels. I trust that young people will join in the activities and enjoy them."

The Get Loud program, which also includes a live band performance at Yarra Plenty Regional Library's Watsonia branch on April 5 and a guitar and songwriting workshop at the Diamond Valley branch on March 28, will encourage the continuing development of programs bringing together young people in the region.

The event kicks off at 12noon on Saturday 4 April and runs until 4.00pm at Thomastown Library, 52 Main Street, Thomastown. For more information about 'Get Loud' at Thomastown Library call 9464 1864, go to [www.yprl.vic.gov.au](http://www.yprl.vic.gov.au) or check out [www.myspace.com/ypyouthspace](http://www.myspace.com/ypyouthspace)

#### **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:**

- Photo of Get Loud performer **Joseph Tuarik** (BC FAM) a.k.a. Prince Chill (and City of Whittlesea Youth Services trainee) among the book shelves at Thomastown library. **BC FAM** competed in the National Masters of HIP HOP 4th Annual Freestyler Dance comp in Melbourne last month and won the Freestyle section of the competition.
- All the artists are local young people and are available for photos at the library and interviews
- **Please contact me on 9401 0755 to organise an appropriate time for photography**
- To arrange an interview with a 'Get Loud' band contact Event Coordinator Sally Tyrrell at [sally.tyrrell@whittlesea.vic.gov.au](mailto:sally.tyrrell@whittlesea.vic.gov.au), 94048800 or 0417572398
- To arrange an interview with '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](mailto:kpsander@yprl.vic.gov.au)

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