



Youthfest a skatefest for local boarders...

Youthfest 2011 organisers have finalised plans for the day's events and are determined to make this year bigger and better than the last.

The family-friendly skate event incorporates youth activities and music by local DJs.

The event is funded by Miimi Aboriginal Corporation under a Youthfest Better Future grant and is alcohol and drug-free.

Following the success of the 2010 event, the day will feature demonstrations from professional skaters and competitions for all skill levels with prizes provided by

sponsors.

Not just a day for skateboarders, there will be a variety of stalls and activities to amuse everyone.

Other events on the day include a youth band, Traditional Indigenous Games (TIG), Nambucca Shire Council's youth circus skills workshop, Youth Connections body art and hair wraps, a jumping castle and council's Drink Don't Sink campaign with SNARLS aerosol art.

Market stalls will stock Beyond Empathy art, Miimi's clothing, Nambucca Valley Youth Services Centre (NVYSC) felting and creative design and garden

products.

In addition to the entertainment, a number of community service organisations will be offering career and lifestyle support and cultural content.

Food and drinks will be catered for by local youth in training at the FRRRESH Youth mobile café and juice stall.

Nambucca Rotary-Mike Blewitt will hold a barbecue and the Jaanning Tree's great food will also be available.

The event will be coordinated by two young locals, Toby Frost and Daniel Perry, with mentoring assistance provided by NVYSC and a professional event

manager.

The event is held during the school holidays on Sunday, April 10 at the Coronation Park skatepark in Meadow Crescent, Nambucca Heads.

As a free community-based event, organisers are hoping for a big turn out of youth, families and the community.

Food and market stalls interested in having a stall on the day are asked to contact Chris Hewgill or Peter Lea on 6568 7777.

Enquiries can be directed to Toby Frost via email (val-leyskaters@gmail.com)



Young skaters line-up for last year's event. *Photo supplied*