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SUNfest popularity shines with 611 tickets sold in six days

January's SUNfest Youth Holiday Program has proved popular in its first week of ticket sales with eight events sold out and 611 tickets bought.

SUNfest, coordinated by Gladstone Festival and Events on behalf of Gladstone Regional Council, annually offers sports, creative tasks, performing arts and adventure for Youth (12-17 year olds) and Lil Kids (9-11 year olds).

Council's Community Services portfolio spokesperson Councillor Maxine Brushe said more than 40 activities were available with entry to some events free.

Cr Brushe said strong ticket sales reinforced SUNfest's growing popularity each year.

"Ticket sales started on December 1 with 350 bought within the first hour," she said.

"SUNfest not only provides students with access to organised activities at Agnes Water, Boyne/Tannum, Gladstone, Calliope and Benaraby but it is a great means for youth to socialise in school holidays."

Tickets sold out quickly in the Lil Kids category for Limestone Sculptures, Paper Mache Fish of the Reef, Sunfish and Indoor Rock Climbing and Sport Wall.

In the Youth activities tickets have sold out for Pistol Shooting, Awoonga Headwaters Adventure Day, Go Karts and Limestone Sculptures.

Cr Brushe said overall there were another eight activities with only six tickets or less available.

"Owing to the high popularity of SUNfest, youngsters wishing to participate are encouraged to secure their places early," she said.

Visit Council's website www.gladstone.qld.gov.au to download a program.

Parents or carers are required to pay and book tickets online at http://gec.gladstonerc.qld.gov.au/, in person at the Gladstone Entertainment Centre Box Office or by phoning the Bookings Hotline on 4972 2822.

Indemnity forms must be completed in full and signed for each event with participants' proof of age required.

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