

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Free music mentoring to strike a chord with teens during school break**

Teenagers with a passion for music can gain expert mentoring for free as part of a two-week school holiday initiative presented by Gladstone Regional Council and the Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC).

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said registrations were open for 12 to 19-year-olds to take part in the Young Warriors Making Music Live program which commences June 30.

“Our GECC is the ideal venue to host this program to enable our musically inspired young residents to be guided by industry specialists and gain the experience of performing in a band,” Councillor Burnett said.

Councillor Cindi Bush said young residents would be mentored from rehearsals through to performance with equipment provided, except for instruments.

“Teens can develop and strengthen their musical and performance skills surrounded by others who share similar interests,” Cr Bush said.

“Whether their talents are instrumental or vocal, the program allows youths to acquire new skills in a comfortable environment,” she said.

No auditions or musical experience are required for the program with a relaxed orientation and jam day to assist professional coaches to place participants into bands.

Each band will be encouraged to develop an original piece of music with participants involved in a songwriting workshop, rehearsals and intensive coaching.

There may also be an opportunity to perform on radio station TripleM CQ, the media partner of the program.

Bands will rehearse a minimum of three times over the two-week school holiday period with rehearsal to culminate with a Big Gig at the GECC for band members’ family and friends.

Each band will perform two to three songs at the concert, including at least one original tune, with feedback given following the event.

Places in the Young Warriors Making Music Live program are limited and can be reserved by visiting [www.youngwarriors.com.au/qld](http://www.youngwarriors.com.au/qld) with registrations closing on Friday, June 29.