

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **One week until the rocking re:generate youth festival**

With everything from music to martial arts, hip hop to hair and fashion, Wagga Wagga's annual re:generate Youth Festival is set to kick off in one week.

The jam packed, eight day program of events has been finalised and there is something to suit everyone aged between 11 – 18 years old.

“The re:generate festival is a fantastic Council initiative that provides the youth of the city eight days of fun and practical experiences,” said Mayor Kerry Pascoe.

The festival, which is a part of Wagga Wagga City Council's Youth Month, kicks off on Thursday 8 April with a hands on Kids in the Kitchen bakery lesson at the Quinty Bakehouse and an underage dance party at Capital.

The festival closes on Thursday 15 April in true rock star fashion with the Billy Hyde Battle of the Bands, with more than \$2000 in cash and prizes on offer for the winning band. This year, touring Australian band Rushcutter will be judging the Battle, providing valuable experience and advice to aspiring acts.

Talented buskers can register now to take to the main street on Saturday 10 April to compete for \$1,000 in prizes and entertain shoppers. This year will see the introduction of SMS voting to allow people to put in their choice for favourite busker.

In another coup for the festival, internationally renowned dancer and choreographer Darrio Phillips will lead Wagga's youth at the Hip Hoperation dance workshop at the Bolton Park Skatepark on Sunday 11 April.

Other events on offer include: martial arts, movie marathons, rock gigs, music promotion sessions, production workshops BMX competitions, dance workshops, zumba classes and special effects sorkshops.

People who want to attend the re:generate festival, but can't get to the venue can take advantage of the free re:generate bus travel vouchers. Simply download the voucher on the regenerate website [www.regenerate.org.au](http://www.regenerate.org.au), print it out and present to the Busabout bus driver on your regular bus service.

A full program of events and all registration information is available on the re:generate website [www.regenerate.org.au](http://www.regenerate.org.au).