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Snake Run Skate Park

The City of Albany, in partnership with the Perth International Arts Festival 2016 Great Southern Program (PIAF), is celebrating the 40th anniversary of The Snake Run skate park on Hare Street, Albany.

The City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the Snake Run is one of the oldest skate parks in the world right here in Albany.

“The Snake Run is well known around the world for skaters. We would like to conserve and preserve this heritage asset. What better way to do this than create an event that recognises this urban past time.



“Famous US skateboarding champion, Russ Howell, will be returning to celebrate the parks heritage. Russ originally opened the park in 1976.

“Skaters from all over the globe will be in Albany for this wonderful community project and event. The City through the Vancouver Arts Centre is pleased to partner with the Perth International Arts Festival to celebrate one of the world’s oldest skate parks and to tell it’s story,” said the Mayor.

A free public event is planned on Saturday 13 February 2016 at The Snake Run, Hare Street, Albany. Warm up events begin from 11am with the main event 5.30pm – 9pm.

The event will include a spectacular performance that combines dance, skateboarding, parkour and rollerskating and celebrates the unique story of The Snake Run. Bands, stalls and skate events will also be part of the program.

City of Albany Mayor encourages members of the community to get involved and be part of the engagement program.

“The City has approached residents in the area to encourage their involvement, help to tell the stories, be part of the performance and contribute to the Inking of the Skin art project,” he said.

There are a number of ways community members can be involved in the project prior to the opening:

Inking the Skin Workshop – is a stencil art program for community members to contribute their designs to a large mural that will be painted onto The Snake Run. The first workshop is Sunday 6 December, 10am – 1pm at The Snake Run, Hare Street, Albany.

All materials provided. Facilitated by artists Chad Marwick and Annette Carmichael

Additional workshops are being delivered by Art Teachers at ASHS, NASHS and GSG. A call out for community level performer - voluntary skateboarders and roller skaters (of all ages) will be promoted in December. These people will be asked to perform at the event following two weeks of rehearsal (3.30pm – 5.30pm each day) in early February 2016.

Local histories collection - community members with photographs, films and documents pertaining to The Snake Run can drop off items marked attention to: Annette Carmichael, Arts Development Officer, Vancouver Arts Centre, 85 Vancouver Street. Open Mon – Fri 9am – 4pm or Sat 10am – 3pm or to Sue Lefroy, Local History Co-ordinator, Albany Public Library, 221 York Street. These will be duplicated and housed in the Local Histories collection at the Albany Public Library and may also feature within the performance or at the event.

For further information and to register your interest please contact the Vancouver Arts Centre, 9841 9260 or arts@albany.wa.gov.au

Event information available at: <https://perthfestival.com.au/great-southern-festival/whats-on/2016/the-snake-run-project/>

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