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Snake Run Project set to shred

Albany's gnarly downhill skate run on Hare Street will be celebrated this Saturday with an event that will also launch PIAF's 2016 Great Southern Festival.

At 40 years old the historical Albany Snake Run has been given a fresh new look ahead of the event which will include great bands, skate events and historical displays and performances.

More than 18 local skaters aged from 9 to 65 years old have been rehearsing for the event over the past week.

Vancouver Arts Centre Arts Development Officer Annette Carmichael said the rehearsals have been a lot of fun and everyone involved was excited.

"The skaters will perform three different sections, involving skating, percussion and fierce moves," Ms Carmichael said.

"All of our performers are amazing and so enthusiastic about the performance, we hope the community will head down to the event to show their support and acknowledge this historic place in Albany."

Kicking off at 11am, band Second Winter will get the event rolling with 70's punk and alternative rock and grunge music.

A midday skate event will be held for skaters over the age of 40 with DJ Monk-hee playing some beats as the First Skaters Classic take to the run.

One of Perth's hottest breakthrough bands, Mt. Mountain will play psychedelic rock from 1pm, with the Under 18's skate competition starting at 2pm.

An Open Best Trick competition will be co-ordinated by Skateboarding WA and will feature a \$1500 cash grab - come and show us your skills!

From 5.30pm, US skateboarding legend Russ Howell will make a special appearance and The Snake Run show will commence featuring skateboarding, parkour and street art which will collide in an exhilarating performance driven by an extraordinary soundscape.



The night will wrap up with The Amani Consort playing funk and hip hop.

Competitors in skate events must register 30 minutes prior to the event with under 18's requiring parent or guardian permission.

No parking will be available at the Snake Run, Hare Street will be closed for traffic between Hay Street and Burt Street with local traffic only.

Parking will be available at Albany Primary School, Albany Senior High School with parking available at Strawberry Hill Farm from 4pm.

Food will be available, bring a chair and a picnic blanket and settle in for an awesome day of music, skating and excitement.

Like the City of Albany Events page on Facebook to stay tuned!

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