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Record levels of festivity and good times in Vancouver Street



The City of Albany's first ever Vancouver Street Festival was a resounding success, if the thousands of happy faces on Saturday were anything to go by.

Presented by Act-Belong-Commit through Healthway, the festival brought the historic Vancouver Street precinct to life, with an estimated 3500 revellers enjoying the unique occasion.

Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said a distinctive "Tweed Ride" on vintage bicycles through old Albany had heads turning.

The ride was supported by the Western Australian Historical Cycle Club - Great Southern; and the Albany Triathlon Club, which supplied bike racking for the Tweed Riders.

The festival proper included market stalls, local food and drinks, buskers, puppet shows, heritage tours and a stellar music line-up including Lucky Oceans and the Zydecats, The Pepperjacks, Boom! Bap! Pow and Bohemian Nights.

Local art was on display at the Vancouver Arts Centre, which is currently exhibiting the Great Southern Art Award. The VAC recorded an impressive 800 people through its doors.

"I'd like to thank the community for supporting the inaugural Vancouver Street Festival so wholeheartedly," Mr Wellington said.

"I'd also like to give special thanks to the residents of Vancouver Street for embracing such a unique and special event, and the event sponsors for making the day possible."

The City would like to invite feedback on the festival to make sure future events are as good as they can be.

To complete a short survey please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XSW9SVC>.

Sponsors included Act-Belong-Commit through Healthway, Great Southern Development Commission, Albany Port Authority, Government of Western Australia – Road Safety Community Grants Programme, RadioWest, H + H Architects and The Great Southern Weekender.

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