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GIG IN THE GARDENS SHOWCASES YOUTH TALENT

The annual Gig in the Gardens will be held on the Glenorchy City Council lawns from 11am – 3pm on Thursday 14 December.

Commissioner Sue Smith said the event is celebrating its twentieth year which is a remarkable achievement.

“Many events like this do not have the long life this one does and will continue to do so for many more years to come. It has been a launching pad for talent that is now playing around the bars in Hobart,” she said.

“Many of the performers from those early years are returning to play for the twentieth anniversary and they will join new younger performers on Thursday, who are just starting out. This provides excellent mentoring opportunities for the younger performers and shows them what they can achieve with practice and determination.

“The event showcases our youth talent and gives the young people a platform to perform and show what they are capable of. It will be a day of very mixed music ranging from heavy metal through to soft rock.

The Glenorchy Youth Task Force (GYTF) is responsible for organising the event each year, under the guidance of Council’s Youth Participation Officer, Willie Joseph.

The GYTF is made up of 17 members ranging in age from 13 to 24. The members will act in roles such as stagehands, ushers, meet and greet roles, photographers and manning the GYTF tent. The members are also responsible for helping to set up and pull down the venue.

There are six new acts this year which include Circle Street and New Town High Stage and Classical Band with the youngest performers being from Cosgrove High School year eights. Nine acts have performed in previous years including popular artist Nikayla Smith, who regularly plays in Hobart venues.

The Glenorchy Lions Club will be holding a sausage sizzle and other food stalls will be available.

Several schools are bussing their students in for the event, with parents and others who have already finished school making up the rest of the expected crowd of about three hundred.

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