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## **RYDE YOUTH ROCK AT BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

Thursday 26 April 2012, 6.00-10.00pm, Ryde Civic Centre

The stage is set for the seventh annual Battle of the Bands and according to the Ryde Youth Council it will be bigger and better than ever.

The alcohol and drug free event is organised and run entirely by local young people to showcase young musical talent.

City of Ryde Community Project Officer – Young People, Janice Nicholson, has been working with the Ryde Youth Council to host Battle of the Bands since 2007. “It’s always a great event,” she said. “We get loads of people attending and it’s clear that these bands have the potential to be extremely successful in the future. Last year’s winner, *Spooks*, quickly took their success further and played at Shorefest,” Janice said.

Ryde Youth Council PR Officer and Ryde’s 2011 Young Citizen of the Year, James Camilleri, said: “It’s fantastic to see your friends and other young musicians gain so much support from the local community through this event.”

Vince Padovan, also a dedicated Battle of the Bands attendee and vocalist in the upcoming Ryde band *El-Hazzouri* said that “Ryde’s Battle of the Bands is something I look forward to every year.”

Members of the Ryde Youth Council will transform the usually sedate Civic Hall into National Youth Week’s greatest local gig. Local bands from a wide spectrum of genres, ranging from pop to indie to rock, will battle it out for two major prizes. The top prize of ‘Judge’s Choice Award’ and winner of Battle of the Bands for a cash prize of \$750 and second prize, through the beauty of democracy, a \$500 ‘People’s Choice Award’ voted by the audience.

So, come down with some mates and your favourite Van Halen T-shirt and get a say in who will walk away with \$500 cash and the title of Ryde’s Battle of the Band Winner for 2012.

As usual, there will also be some freebies up for grabs if you come along.

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