

Thursday 2 April 2015

## **NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2015 – *IT STARTS WITH US***

National Youth Week celebrates and recognises everything awesome about being young today. With the 2015 theme ***IT STARTS WITH US***, Youth Week is the largest celebration of young people in Australia and the Ryde Youth Council RYC is organising and hosting a week full of entertainment, debates, challenges and food, starting with a Launch Party on Friday 10 April.

### **Youth Week Launch Party**

**Friday 10 April, Our Space Youth Hub, 167 Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood, 4.00 – 7.00pm**

***It Starts With Us*** Launch Party kicks off Youth Week with a celebration of the culture and diversity of youth in Ryde. There will be a range of attractions including a jumping castle, drop in street art workshop, performances by local young people, free sausage sizzle and music provided by 2RRR.

***It Starts With Us* Film Making Competition.** Young people are invited to submit a short film (2 – 3 mins) entitled 'It Starts With Us' in any genre from animation to doco, sci-fi to romance. Prizes include Go-Pro Cameras, JB Hi-Fi vouchers and movie tickets. Entries close May 11. Need some help? Two film-making workshops will be held on Wednesday 8 April and Tuesday 14 April at Our Space, 167 Shaftsbury Road, Eastwood.

### **Model UN Debate**

**Tuesday 14 April, Shepherds Bay Hall, 3A Bay Drive, Meadowbank, 3.00 – 6.00pm**

Ryde Youth Council and Macquarie University Debating Society go head to head in a Model UN Debate

### **Gaming and Cosplay event**

**Thursday 16 April, Shepherds Bay Hall, 3A Bay Drive, Meadowbank, 2.00 – 8.00pm**

Celebrate the gaming culture with the latest games for Xbox One and Wii as well as a personal appearance by Rae Thompson, professional Gamer, Games Designer and Cosplayer. Cosplay parade at 6.00pm.

### **SHOREFEST Northern Sydney's premier free Youth Music Festival**

**Saturday 18 April, St Leonards Park, North Sydney**

Bands include *Buried In Verona, Storm The Sky, Graves, Earth Caller, Brighter At Night, The World In Cinematic, The Weather Underground, Blacklist.*

For more information on all these events and more check out [www.facebook.com/rydeyouth](http://www.facebook.com/rydeyouth)

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