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TALENTED LINEUP FOR BLUE SKIES YOUTH MUSIC EVENT

Young people living in the Strathbogie Shire can look forward to an awesome lineup of talent performing at the Blue Skies Youth Music Event on Friday 4th October.

Rat!hammock, Nancie Schipper and Splinter Kiss are all set to perform at the free afternoon gig at the Northern Republic from 12.30- 4.30pm.

Strathbogie Shire Evolve Youth Committee member Dylan Chambers said the event aims to provide local youth the opportunity to experience what live music is all about without paying any great cost for tickets or transportation.

"It's a great opportunity to see what live music is all about, have an amazing time with your friends, broaden your knowledge of music and meet new young people that could become lifelong friends," Mr Chambers said.

"We also hope that this event will be a good example of what live music can do for the region, in the hopes of being able to bring about more exciting events like this one."

Owner and Manager of Northern Republic, Adam Palmer said there is a massive shortage of music events for young people to attend in regional Victoria.

"Targeted at secondary school aged people, Blue Skies Strathbogie is planned to be the first of many youth music events to be hosted at Northern Republic in Euroa," Mr Palmer said.

"We are focused on bringing quality emerging artists to Euroa and have our young people experience the thrill and enjoyment live music provides."

Headlining the show are low-fi indie rock group Rat!hammock.

Fresh from sell out shows in Melbourne and Sydney to launch their outstanding new single "Ghost", Rat!hammock are a band on a steep upward trajectory.

With their music on regular rotation on national broadcaster Triple J, the band is gaining momentum having earned a spot in the Laneway Music Festival line up in early 2019.

Also performing at Blue Skies is talented 19-year-old Nancie Schipper. A recent finalist in Triple J's Unearthed High Competition, Nancie played to a crowd of 40,000 at the 2019 St Kilda Festival with rave reviews.

Rounding out the lineup is local Euroa band Splinter Kiss. A group of four mates from Euroa Secondary College, the boys are pumped to be playing alongside such a quality line up and have had their own success winning Regional Battle of the Bands last year and placing in the finals nationally.

Entry is free, but online bookings are required at www.blueskiesmusic.eventbrite.com.au or by calling Council Offices on 1800 065 993.

A free return bus service will pick up from Avenel, Longwood, Nagambie and Violet Town. Pick up times and locations will be advised closer to the date and will depend on booking numbers.

The gig is all-ages, fully supervised and is drug, alcohol and smoke free.

This event has been made possible through the Victorian Government's FReeZA program that supports young Victorians to get involved in their community by planning and running drug, alcohol and smoke-free events for other young people.

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