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'EUROA SKATE PARK EVOLVED INTO WORK OF ART'

One of the most popular activities for Euroa's youth has had a facelift.

The Skate Park on Kirkland Avenue has got a brand new mural, one community members and visitors to the region helped create during the annual Australian National Euroa Show and Shine weekend earlier this month.

An idea generated by members of EVOLVE Youth of Strathbogie, the skate ramp itself has a new look, as does part of the Euroa Citizen's Band Hall next door.

Each year, EVOLVE is heavily involved in the Show and Shine, but this year wanted to do something different in the space.

The committee had noticed the skate park's original art work had been graffiti' d and looked run down - and the youth wanted to fix it.

Fifteen-year-old committee member Makayla Murphy explained EVOLVE had seen the famous 'Paint By Numbers' murals at the Wall to Wall festival in Benalla and thought this would be a good way to engage the community to help create a work of art for Euroa.

"EVOLVE worked with Juddy Roller Studios' Kitt Benett, who thought it would be cool to have a music theme with the mural and we thought it was a great design and quickly got to work," Makayla said.

"The painting was the best part of it (the project) and really got the community involved on Show and Shine day."

Strathbogie Shire Council acknowledges the support from the Euroa Citizens Band for the project and the collaboration with EVOLVE and Citizens Hall Committee regarding the design.

Juddy Roller Studios manage a number of high profile street artists and is responsible for all the artists involved in the Wall to Wall Festival in Benalla each year and also artworks recently completed in Shepparton.

Utilising Kitt's unique talents provides a connection to the street art works in the North East and Goulburn Valley region.

Makayla said in the 12 months in EVOLVE, the art project was definitely a highlight.

"Being in EVOLVE has certainly boosted my confidence as before I didn't like talking to strangers whereas now I do," she said.

"I enjoy working in a team and travelling to Nagambie every fortnight to see what's happening over there."

With the upcoming Outdoor Cinema event taking place on 18 November in Nagambie and with the end of year EVOLVE Showcase coming up, it's certainly a busy time for Makayla who is a student at Benalla FCJ College but lives in Euroa.

EVOLVE meet on a weekly basis, alternating between Euroa and Nagambie.

Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:

- Monday, 6 November – Foxhole Café, 275 High Street, Nagambie
- Monday, 13 November – EVOLVE Office, Bury Street, Euroa
- Monday, 20 November - Foxhole Café, 275 High Street, Nagambie
- Monday, 27 November - EVOLVE Office, Bury Street, Euroa (final meeting of 2017).

For more information and to get involved, call Milla Morris, Team Leader Youth on 5795-0000.

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