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The Gawler Fringe Opening Event is back in Walker Place in 2018

The Fringe will again make its mark on Gawler with the Gawler Fringe Opening Event to commence in Walker Place on Friday 16 February at 3pm.

The Opening Event will bring a weekend full of free Fringe festivities and will be sure to include something for every member of the family. The theme of this year's event is *Live, Embrace, Enjoy Local* and the jam-packed program showcases the amazing talent that Gawler has to offer.

Mayor Karen Redman said "The heart of Gawler will be a hive of activity with a range of outstanding local performances and some fantastic feature acts as well".

The Mayor goes on to say "At this year's event the community can expect to see some well-known local faces with performances from groups and solo artists such as the Gawler Ukes, Burnout, Generation XYZ, The Rickety Chicks, Lily and the Drum, Allan Dean, Liam Halford, Abbie Ferris and Scott Rathman Jnr. There's also lots of performances by Gawler's young up and coming talent".

Friday night's feature act is not to be missed with a dynamic performance by Dave Gleeson; legendary lead vocalist of two of Australia's most iconic rock bands, 'The Screaming Jets' and 'The Angels'. For this one-off Fringe show, Gleeso will be joined by local Gawler legends Crafty and the Shindiggers. They'll be performing some of the smash hit songs from both The Angels and The Jets, as well as a bunch of classic covers and some unexpected surprises.

On Saturday there's more fantastic night time entertainment that's sure to get people up on the dance floor with performances by Nuvo and Zkye and the guyZ. Nuvo is an Afro-Caribbean band well known for their uplifting style, sweet vocals and driving percussive dance beats. Zkye and the guyZ is a high energy, classic soul, rock and pop band that resonates music from days gone by with a few top 40s thrown in on the side.

Sunday morning is all about the kids with a fun and interactive Storytime session by the Gawler Public Library. Sunday also sees some of our local schools showcasing their musical talents, followed by plenty more local acts. Then what better way to wrap up the event than opening up the main stage for the ever popular Open Mic Session from 4pm to 7pm.

The community can come along and experience what Gawler does best; local musos and performers, a relaxed family-friendly environment, food and drinks from Gawler's local businesses and service clubs, Kids Zone and activities, all mixed with a friendly small town vibe.

A range of other events will take place at different venues in Gawler right across the month of Adelaide Fringe. This includes performances at the Prince Albert Hotel, Willaston Football Club Clubrooms and Trinity College Pavilion

THE BEAUTIFUL BOGAN – LIFE'S NOT FAIR

Tuesday 20 February, 8pm (PA Hotel)

FRINGE COMEDY AT THE P/A

Throughout the month of Adelaide Fringe

COUNTRY & ROCK 'N' ROLL EVOLUTION

Friday 23 and Saturday 24 February, 7.30pm (Willaston)

BEATLES STRIPPED BARE

Friday 23 February, 7pm (Trinity)

STEVE BARTEL & KYLIE ADAMS-COLLIER UNPLUGGED

Saturday 3 March, 7.30pm (Willaston)

Further information on these events is available in the Gawler Fringe program. The full program is available now at Council customer service points, local businesses, and also online at gawler.sa.gov.au/gawlerfringe and on Facebook.

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