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## **Edge of the Bay a Blast**

The Esperance foreshore was bustling with action over the weekend with all the Edge of the Bay festivities.

The event was possible with the support from Horizon Power, Southern Ports, Lotterywest, Road Safety Commission, Healthway – Make Smoking History, Esperance Civic Centre and the Shire of Esperance.

Thank you to Renton Millar from Shredability for bringing us King of Concrete, Kyron Smithson from KyzaPresents for coordinating the local tunes and the community groups who came along and promoted their passions and shared activities.

Thank you to local artists Rachel Vibart, Campbell Garratt, Steve West and The Billy Baxter Kentet, The Dudas and Josh Thomas; state-wide acts Zap Circus, Hart and the Hunting Birds; skaters Jedd McKenzie, Luke Ward, Zepp Hayes and Liv Lovelace and Esti Nagy who painted the mural.

Competitors travelled from around the state and from over east to compete in the King of Concrete Skatebowl Competition. Zepp Hayes won the Open age category, Isi Campbell took out the Women's and Under 12, while Zeyke Cook won the Under 16 and Zen Evans won the Under 9.

Around 1000 people came and went throughout the day, participating in the community activities, watching the skating and enjoying the live music.

King of Concrete Event Organiser Renton Millar said, "King of Concrete Esperance went off. It was great to see the locals mix it with the sponsored guys. The groms were ripping. Highlight of the day were Zepp Hayes Combos over the bridge... backside smith grind to tail slide was insane, and he was a worthy winner edging out Sunny Cooke from Margaret river. Brendan Cross won highest air for the big boys, and Zeyke won it for the juniors. Was also rad to see some of the winners of the skate product gave it away to the deserving locals. Reese Haslam was shredding and won a big bag of skate merch as the highest placed local.

"We love coming to Esperance, the skatepark is really fun, it's a beautiful location and the locals are rad. Was also great to see a healthy session of girls shredding. We had Australian National Team member Liv Lovelace at the event too, who is heading to Brazil in a few weeks to skate the world championships of street skating. Last year's winner, and Australian National Skate Team member Jedd McKenzie was recovering from a broken elbow and was a judge.

Shire President Victoria Brown said, "I would like to thank everyone involved in bringing this event to life. Thank you to the people who came out to enjoy the activities, the guests who entertained us, the competitors, the sponsors and the team who have worked hard behind the scenes for the last few months to make the weekend a success."

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