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 **Youth Week WA 2018**



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Youth Week in Esperance

Esperance will be celebrating Youth Week WA on Thursday 26 April with an Amazing Race event organised by Shire of Esperance Youth Advisory Council in partnership with Escare Inc. Youth Service and Shire of Esperance.

The Amazing Race event relates to this year's theme by encouraging young people to join in a social event with their peers and enjoy aspects of our local community. Building friendships, testing their physical, creative and teamwork abilities across a variety of challenges encourages positive mental health.

Amazing Race Esperance is a free event and will be held on Thursday 26 April commencing at 1pm from the Skate Park. A maximum of 12 teams will participate in the race with teams being made up of four members.

Prizes will be awarded to the teams who arrive at the final destination first, second and third. Prizes may also be awarded to individual participants/teams for their performance in various activities.

Contestants must be between 12 and 25 years and participants can register as a team or individuals. Registrations will occur on the day. Teams from local clubs and groups are encouraged to participate.

Youth Advisory Council spokesperson Cody Thorpe said, "This will be an awesome event for youth in Esperance. It will be exciting to see the teams compete in the challenges and the day will conclude with free food and live music at the Skate Park precinct."

Acting Shire President Natalie Bowman said, "This event will be a terrific way to celebrate young people in Esperance. I look forward to seeing all the teams competing and the celebration afterwards. Don't be shy; if you can't convince enough people to come along for your own team, we'll be able to make them up on the day!"

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Additional Information:

- Youth Week WA (formerly National Youth Week WA), is an annual statewide celebration of the positive contributions of young people to our community throughout Western Australia.
- The theme for 2018 is **Illuminate - Djoondal Djoomba**.
 - This theme has a twofold meaning. **Illuminate** relates to space; time; the future of young people, bringing light to young people, and shining bright, and positive mental health. **Djoondal Djoomba** was inspired by the '*Carers of Everything*' Nyoongar Dreamtime story of country, which is about the star woman and spirits coming from darkness to light.