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**Rove McManus to headline City’s 2021 Side Splitter Comedy Festival in Hamilton Hill**

Be prepared to hear ‘say hi to your mum for me’ at Side Splitter Comedy Festival in Hami Hill this October when Perth’s own Rove McManus rekindles his hometown stand-up roots.

Rove is one of several Perth-raised celebrities that have returned to their hometown during the pandemic and are enjoying the opportunity to slow down and reconnect with local fans, friends and family.

Side Splitter will kick off the City of Cockburn’s 2021-22 events season on 8-9 and 15-16 October at Memorial Hall, Hami Hill.

The City’s events season, which attracts thousands to multiple events between spring and autumn, will also include a fun lakeside walk especially for dogs and their owners, a picnic for those who love teddy bears, a huge community concert and an artistic beachside festival.

The comedy fest will also feature Irish-born comic Dave Callan – who has returned to Perth from Melbourne during the pandemic and has begun studying a Bachelor of Counter Terrorism, Intelligence and Surveillance at ECU Joondalup to keep boredom at bay – is sure to draw a crowd.

Stay tuned for more comedy line-up announcements in the weeks ahead or visit the festival [website](https://www.sidesplitter.com.au/), where you can also book tickets.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett said the City held a range of free or affordable events every year that had attracted generations of families for many years now.

“These events always instill a feeling of pride and community inclusion that keep people coming back for more,” Mayor Howlett said.

“And they are undoubtedly a lot of fun, again proving that Cockburn is the best place to be. You really don’t have to go too far from home to enjoy spare time with family and friends, and make some new ones too.”

Other season highlights include the Fur Run at Manning Park on 17 October, Cockburn Rotary Spring Fair on 31 October, Christmas on the Green on 4 December, the Australia Day Coogee Beach Festival and Coogee Live on 12-13 March.

Keep an eye on your letterbox from 13 September for the City’s annual magnetised Events Calendar.

Delivered to nearly 50,000 local households, and available at local libraries, youth and seniors centres and our Spearwood Administration Centre, it contains all the basics, so stick it on your fridge to keep your social diary up to date.

More information is available on the City’s [website](https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/City-and-Council/Events-and-News/Events-and-Workshops/?page=3).

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