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Music the life of the party at Youth Centre open day

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It sounds like a weird chant but these are the names of the three epic music teachers who make the recording studio come alive for local kids at Cockburn Youth Centre.

With a recent renovation to freshen its look, the recording studio will be a popular feature at the youth centre's Open Day 10am to 2pm on Saturday 1 December.

Tom Haste, a teacher at a local school, has been part of the centre's musical offering since it opened 10 years ago.

"I've run most of the music activities here, all of the technology programs, built the arcade cabinet, 3D printed things, spray painted game controllers, coded games, made funny videos and recorded a whole bunch of awesome bands," Tom said.

"I'm passionate about helping young people achieve their best. When I'm not working, I play loads of games and jam with my band."

Tom Langridge runs the free Next Big Thing music program at the centre each Thursday 6-8pm. A bonus for participants is that they can go on to play live at City of Cockburn events including FROSH, Cockburn's Got Talent and other gatherings where music is required.

"Basically you just need to rock up with your guitar and jam on a Thursday night. We have a drum kit, keyboards, amps and microphones," he said.

"Apart from being 'the other Tom', I'm into skateboarding, horror games and music. I'm also a pretty good listener, and love to help young people realise their dreams."



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Freddie Mousavi is an Engineer by trade but prefers to give the gift of music to young people. His pet love is performing Disney covers with his latest favourite *Arabian Nights*, the opening song to Aladdin.

“My aim is to create an environment where youngsters can share their musical ideas with each other and master their instruments while having heaps of fun at the same time,” he said.

The recording studio is available to local residents aged 24 and under at a heavily subsidised rate of \$29 for five hours, for jam sessions, practice time and recording.

All three teachers are members of their own bands and specialise in mentorship of young musicians in need of confidence to play for an audience.

OPEN DAY

Saturday 1 December, 10am – 2pm

Cockburn Youth Centre, 25 Wentworth Parade, Success.

- Drama program – for newbies and experienced
- Music recording studio and private tuition
- Fantasy roleplaying games hosted by our Dungeon Master
- Tabletop games
- Kitchen Experience program – sample the goods
- Women’s boxing, mixed bball, dodgeball & more
- Job vacancies, resume templates & employment tips
- Meet our friendly team, Youth Advisory Collective and Youth Diversity Alliance members
- Ryde program - complete the required 50 hrs of supervised driving with a volunteer driving mentor.

FREE BBQ, and coffee and tea for the parents!

For more information visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/OpenDay, call 08 9411 3888 or email youth@cockburn.wa.gov.au

Caption: Cockburn Youth Centre music teachers Tom Haste, Freddie Mousavi and Tom Langridge are cooler than their Bitmojis. Come and see them for real.



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