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Innovative performances to elevate the diversity and relevance of young voices in Cockburn

An insightful bunch of Cockburn youngsters will share their unique take on life in an innovative Headphone Verbatim Performance called The Quadrangle in Hamilton Hill in February.

Across four shows set to live music at Memorial Hall, actors wearing headphones will listen to interviews recorded with the young participants and speak their words as they hear them, without embellishment.

Designed for audiences of all ages, the powerful medium enables participants' authentic life experiences to reveal the common human threads of growing up, resonating across the array of human emotion, from irony and humour to bittersweet melancholy and everything in between.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan Howlett said innovative Headphone Verbatim Performance was the perfect way to elevate the diversity and relevance of youth voices.

“The Quadrangle will be an opportunity to experience a new, memorable and entertaining art form – an appropriately thought-provoking way to really listen to what our youth are feeling and saying at this time in history.”

City of Cockburn Creative Programs Lead Sam Longley said about 10 young people aged six to 16 would be interviewed in pairs, with 10 questions garnering a response during pre-recorded sessions during January.

“Accomplished Perth artists Georgia King and Mark Storen from Perth performance company Whiskey & Boots specialise in Headphone Verbatim Performance which uses storytelling and music to give life to real stories from diverse communities,” Mr Longley said.

“Professional musicians Holly Garvey and Luke Dux will compose a unique score as an



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intuitive response to the energy of the young participants and their answers to the set questions.

“It’s a guaranteed recipe for a rich experience for anyone who is, or has ever been, a young person.”

Offered as part of the City’s Cockburn Live 2023-24 event series, 7pm shows will be staged on 23, 24 and 25 February, plus a 2pm matinee on the 24th.

Tickets are \$15, available at the Megatix website: <https://megatix.com.au/events/the-quadrangle>

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