Shire of Exmouth MEDIA RELEASE

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SUMMARY:

- Exmouth to host week long youth Festival of Sport
- Free event

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Exmouth Festival of Sport attracts regional interest

Exmouth will come alive with sporting activity next week as the inaugural Exmouth Festival of Sport kicks off on Sunday morning.

The festival will give Exmouth youth and their peers from around the region the opportunity to have a go at new sports, improve their skills in traditional sporting codes and take part in competitions against youth from around the regions.

Skateboarding clinics, surfing lessons, Ultimate Frisbee skills sessions, soccer coaching and a football carnival with teams from Exmouth, the Pilbara and Geraldton will make up the jam packed program of events.

The free community event has been made possible by a partnership between the Shire of Exmouth, Exmouth PCYC, Youth Action Exmouth and BHP Billiton with support from State Sporting Associations.

Exmouth Shire President Turk Shales said the event was an excellent opportunity to promote healthy lifestyles, participation, teamwork and give local youth access to regional competition and new sports.

"As an isolated regional community there are many barriers to regional competition and in accessing things like Skateboarding clinics and surfing skills development," he said.

"We are thrilled that we have been able to work with our event partners to deliver a sporting program of such a high calibre that will give our young people the opportunity to take part in so many different sports and forms of participation.

Exmouth PCYC Centre Manager Lauren Rampling stated "We are really pleased to be able to work together with the Shire of Exmouth to provide such a great program for our local and regional young people. The fact that we are able to offer our footballers opposition from outside Exmouth is a huge deal for them and they are so excited to take part"

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