



City of **HOBART**

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Light up the Lane 2017

Mathers Place and its surrounding laneways will come to life as The City of Hobart celebrates *National Youth Week* with its annual *Light up the Lane* digital arts festival on Friday 31 March 2017.

Lord Mayor of Hobart, Alderman Sue Hickey said: "This year's *Light up the Lane* is set to be spectacular."

"This innovative visual and performing arts event will host an exciting performance line-up, as well as the projection of digital artworks to celebrate the skill, passion and creativity of our young artists, transforming the urban landscape into an exciting pop-up digital art gallery," said Ald Hickey.

The event will see local young musicians Good Marinations and Christopher Leon performing electronic music to transform Criterion Lane into a DJ Hotspot while the Mathers Courtyard will feature laid-back live acoustic performances from Celeste Miencke, Tim Chivers, Ruben Reeves, Tasmanian Youth Orchestra, Kat Edwards and Nick Machin.

A range of Hobart's mobile food vendors, including Mr Burger, Liggabuff, Blackman Bay Oysters and the Salvation Army Street Team will be selling a variety of sweet and savoury treats to complement what is sure to be a magical atmosphere.

Chairman of the Council's Community, Culture and Events Committee, Alderman Bill Harvey said this is the fourth year the City of Hobart has coordinated *Light up the Lane*.

"It is a great initiative that not only activates the City but also showcases young peoples' talent on a large scale, which strongly aligns with the City of Hobart *Creative Hobart* and *Youth Strategies*.

"It is a great opportunity for the whole community to celebrate what is great about our young people," said Alderman Harvey.

Light up the Lane 2017 is supported by the Tasmanian Government through the Department of Premier and Cabinet's National Youth Week Grant Program.

***Light up the Lane* will be held in Mathers Place (off Bathurst Street) from 5:30pm - 9pm on Friday 31 March 2017.** The event is free to attend, open to all ages and is strictly drug and alcohol free.

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