

## Media Release

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## Youth Week at Shoalhaven Libraries

Shoalhaven Libraries are introducing something new this year for their youth week activities. Two great workshops are being hosted by the library and now is the time to secure a place.

Jeremy Pragnell, well known drummer will be presenting an African drumming workshop that will culminate in a performance for friends and families. Jeremy has been playing, making, and repairing African drums for over 10 years and believes 'that if you have a heartbeat then you have rhythm.'

The sound of twenty drums beating rhythmically creates an energetic and tribal atmosphere. Regardless of experience all participants will learn techniques that will have them beating exciting rhythms in under an hour.

The second workshop is a Manga Art workshop where under the guidance of Romona Smith, participants will learn techniques that will allow them to create those magical characters from Sailor moon, Astro boy and graphic novels. Romona hopes to focus on Manga self portraits.

Manga art originated in Japan in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and encompasses many different genres including horror, fantasy, adventure and romance. With the upsurge in graphic novel publications, Manga's popularity continues to grow.

Shoalhaven libraries manager Noela Lim says, "we usually have a live band night during Youth week but saw the need to offer something new this year. We are pleased to be able to provide such unique experiences to our young people in the form of these workshops"

Drumming workshop runs from 11-12 on Tues 13<sup>th</sup> April and the Manga Workshop runs from 11-12 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 10- 12, both to be held at Nowra Library.

Don't miss this opportunity to be involved in these great workshops for the minimal cost of a gold coin donation.

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