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Northern Sound System

Youth Battle of the Bands Returns to Burra in 2026

The Goyder Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), in collaboration with Northern Sound System, is excited to announce the return of the highly anticipated Battle of the Bands competition in Burra on Saturday 24 October 2026.

After the huge success of Goyder YAC's 2018 Battle of the Bands, where band *"Long Gone"* claimed victory, the competition is back and ready to uncover the next standout act to captivate audiences and take the title.

Created in response to the growing need for more youth-focused events in the Mid North, the event will provide a platform for young musicians aged 12–25 years to showcase their talent while bringing together young people from across regional South Australia.

This year's event will be held at the iconic Burra Town Hall, giving performers the chance to take the stage in a venue that has hosted generations of live music. For competitors, it will be more than just a performance, it will be an opportunity to stand where countless musicians have played before and make their own mark in front of a live crowd.

Expressions of Interest are now open for bands and solo musicians aged between 12–25 years from across regional South Australia. Participants will perform two original songs and one cover song in front of a live audience and judging panel.

A range of fantastic prizes are on offer, including eight hours of professional recording studio time at Northern Sound System. Marie O'Dea, Council's YAC Facilitator, said *"the event aims to encourage and celebrate young musical talent while creating a fun and inclusive event for the wider community. We want to attract youth from all over the state and provide them with the opportunity to showcase their talents. We encourage all young people to come along and cheer on the bands. It's a free event, with food and drinks available to purchase."*

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Community members are encouraged to support the event and enjoy an afternoon of live entertainment featuring emerging regional talent.

To register your interest or find out more information, visit <https://www.goyder.sa.gov.au/community/youth>

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