## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Date Set for Community-Funded Youth Concert**

12 June 2018 - Mosgiel / Dunedin

A date has been set for 'SONIC UPRISE', a community-funded concert to be held at the Wingatui Hall in Mosgiel.

Teenage musician, Karl Brinsdon, came up with the idea after finding that many Dunedin music events were held at R18 venues, unfortunately excluding the younger teen age-group. He wanted to organise an event which would firstly provide something for young people to do in the local Mosgiel community, and secondly, enable under-18s to enjoy a music event. He thought it could also provide an opportunity for young bands to perform their original music to an audience and he wanted it to be free entry so that there was no financial barrier for anyone who wanted to come along.

Funding was granted by the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board; Mosgiel business, A1 Electrical; and an anonymous local donor, to cover the cost of venue hire and security, while Mosgiel Countdown and Allied Security are supporting the event. Offers of help from people in the community will ensure plenty of supervision to keep the event safe and fun. The bands and their supporters are volunteering their time and skills free of charge.

If this event is successful and further funding became available, Karl and band, Saurian, would be keen to organise similar events in the future. The Wingatui Hall is an excellent venue with plenty of parking and great facilities. They hope to attract around 50 concert-goers, but there's room for more. And while the idea was to create entertainment for young people, it's not restricted to young people. All ages are welcome.

The date has been set for Saturday, 18 August starting at 7pm with live performances from: thrash metal band, Imperium; pop solo artist, Trent Hawthorne; and rock/metal band, Saurian. Details will be available on a facebook event page coming soon.

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About the bands:

Saurian <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SaurianBand/">https://www.facebook.com/SaurianBand/</a>

(saw-ree-in) Members: Karl Brinsdon (guitar/vocals), Hamish Daniell (drums),

Cameron Ellis (guitar) and Silas Wynlaegan (bass)

Trent Hawthorne <a href="https://www.facebook.com/trenthawthornemusic/">https://www.facebook.com/trenthawthornemusic/</a>

Imperium <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Imperium-1341211269323476/">https://www.facebook.com/Imperium-1341211269323476/</a>

Members: Gregor Clarkson (guitar/vocals), Joel Blair (guitar/vocals),

Joshua Tuiavii (drums) and Oliver Ross (bass)