

# Festival a hit with youth

THE annual Youth Injected festival was held at Lota skate park on Saturday.

Many locals of all ages turned up to the event to observe and compete in the skateboarding and bike competitions, the battle of the bands, aerosol art, breakdancing and many other projects aimed at young people.

The major activity of the day was a Youth Speak Out forum held with Brisbane City councillor Peter Cumming (Wynnum Manly) and Margaret Joughin, the Regional Director of Youth Affairs.

The forum gave the youth and some adult representatives of the area to discuss their needs and wants, a space they can call their own.

Ms Joughin said she was impressed with the organisation of the event and the outcome.

"There is a lack of opportunities for young people to connect with the community," she said.

"These people need to feel connected to their own community."

The forum drew many suggestions of what young people wanted.

Suggestions included a chill-out room, youth information, sound proof room, art, music, more skate competitions, Internet access, bean bags and Latin dance workshops.

Good crowds enjoyed skateboarding and bike competitions.

In the battle of the bands, Head Space received the encouragement award and Something for Nothing was the winner.

Curious onlookers had the opportunity to watch the Aerografix (legal aerosol spraying) crew doing their art.

—Julie-Anne Ellis



■ BMX and skateboarding competitions were a real drawcard to the Youth Injected festival.

