

## PENRITH

# Fakers make difference



Paul Lyons, who stars as David Bowie in the Ashes To Ziggy tribute show, demonstrates how to dress like a rock god.

Lauren Tesolin

## TRIBUTE BAND FESTIVAL SUPPORTS CHARITY

CAN you fake it until you make it?

Paul Lyons, also known as David Bowie from the Ashes To Ziggy show has a few secrets on how to impress in a best dressed rock star competition.

And his advice is timely as the first Fake It Til You Make It festival – the proceeds of which will go to the Mama Lana charity – is less than eight weeks away.

"I suggest wandering around your local Salvos or Vinnies store to spot a bar-

gain. If you hunt around the retro racks you can usually pick up an outfit for next to nothing," he said.

"Or popping by the costume shop is always handy because they always have a '50s-'80s section to browse."

Lyons is an expert on outlandish costumes.

"At one point in the show I was changing up to five times. I've worn everything from a kimono to a tiny miniskirt, to a three-piece suit," he said.

"I've even had a big coat

ripped off me like the real David Bowie."

A dress-up competition is just one of the many attractions of the festival, which will feature children's events, market stalls plus a tribute band concert.

Festival mastermind Tracy Dann, from Lock-House Productions, said the day would be the ultimate "tribute" to rock 'n' roll.

"We want to put on the best tribute show that people have ever seen," he said.

"This show is for people over 25 but for families too.

"We don't have any Lady Gaga or any contemporary bands playing, it's pure '70s and '80s."

Music on the day will include tributes to AC/DC, ABBA, the Divinyls, Deep Purple, INXS, The Angels, The Beatles, David Bowie, and We Want More, which is a show paying homage to the glam rock era.

"Let's hope we can get 5000-10,000 people there," Mr Dann said.

## THE EVENT

**WHERE:** Penrith Paceway

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 17,

from 2pm

**COST:** Adult \$50.98, family of five \$133.55, health card holder and persons under 14 \$25.49 and military adult \$35.68

**DETAILS:** fakeitmakeit.com.au or ticketek.com.au

■ Proceeds from the festival will go to Mama Lana, which is aiming to build a drop-in centre for homeless and disadvantaged people in the area

## PENRITH

## Major upgrade for Bunnings

**BUNNINGS** Warehouse Penrith is undergoing a \$10 million expansion.

Bunnings said the upgraded store will create more than 20 new permanent jobs plus over 100 construction jobs.

Some of the changes include improved access to parking via North Drive, a new cafe and playground, and a larger store.

The store, which has been open for more than 17 years, will continue trading during the renovation.

"We look forward to providing a new store experience," said Bunnings Warehouse Penrith complex manager Kate Cordrey.

## PENRITH

## Junior Council a big success

**JUNIOR** councillors have voted not to reduce the amount of sporting fields in the region.

The 2015 Junior Council Meeting was chaired by Junior Mayor Jesse Penza of Holy Family School in Lud-denham.

"The students were all excellent public speakers and had well-rounded arguments to support their case," said Penrith Mayor Ross Fowler. "It was one of the best Junior Council meetings I've ever been involved with and we've been doing them for 14 years."

Council received more than 150 entries from 21 schools in the Penrith Local Government Area.

## STATEWIDE

## Crackdown on seatbelt offences

**BUCKLE** up or face a fine.

Nearly 14000 infringements have been issued by NSW Police for unrestrained children since 2013.

A further 54,605 tickets have been issued to drivers and passengers who have neglected to belt up over the same period.

"It has been compulsory to wear seatbelts in NSW since 1971 (but) each year on average there are around 30 people killed and 300 injured

who were not wearing seatbelts," Traffic and Highway Patrol Commander John Hartley said. "Seatbelts save lives."

## PENRITH

## Water showcased in China

**PENRITH'S** Nova Spring Water has been showcased at a gala event in Shanghai.

The Export Growth China event lets small and medium sized Australian businesses

reach a global audience. The company's Nitin Lotliker said it was "exciting opportunity" to introduce its bulk water, which is bottled in BPA-free packaging.

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