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## Bunyips take over Mall fountains

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News alert! Bunyips have ventured out of their swamps and taken over fountains in the city centre ready to take captives at the Viva la Gong festival next Saturday, 7 November at MacCabe Park.

If you have never seen a Bunyip before now is your chance, but be warned, children are known to be their favourite prey.

The mythical ceramic creatures have been created by local artist, Michael Keighery as part of Wollongong City Council's Viva La Gong festival.

Manager of Community, Cultural and Library Services, Jenny Thompson, said the Bunyips are just one of many activities and performances designed to entertain children of all ages on Saturday.

"As part of Viva La Gong, children will be treated to a full day of fun outdoor activities," Jenny Thompson said,

"Children can tap into their creative skills at the 'Make Create Celebrate' tent in MacCabe Park. There will be shell and weaving workshops, an opportunity to create percussion instruments or even tag a tree with graffiti knitting."

"Thrill seekers will have a unique opportunity to 'join the circus' for a day and learn how to fly high above the crowds in an aerial workshop. Children can also practice their juggling and hoola hoop skills in popular circus workshops."

"Council has organised an exciting and mind-boggling array of performances sure to impress the kids. Among the performers are acrobats, circus entertainers, an aerial trapeze artist and a roller skating derby group."

Jenny Thompson said Viva La Gong festivities are designed for the whole community and this year Council has placed a great emphasis on family friendly activities and entertainment.

"Viva la Gong is a must for the whole family so come along next Saturday to enjoy a wonderful selection of music, performances, hands-on workshops and great food to enjoy."

"Scattered throughout MacCabe Park will be multicultural food stalls and fair ground rides so bring a picnic rug and join the community for a fun day in the park."

Viva La Gong will be held between 10am and 5pm on Saturday 7 November in MacCabe Park. For a full program of events, please log onto the Viva la Gong website – [www.vivalagongfestival.org](http://www.vivalagongfestival.org)