

Big appetite for Bite Nite sees record donations

9 October 2018 - ADC - The Ashburton Youth Council are thanking the community for their outstanding support of the Bite Nite 2.0 community event, which saw close to \$700.00 raised on 26 September.

The food and entertainment festival lit up Baring Square East with food trucks, live performances and games, in a bid to raise money for local youth organisation, the Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy. With collection buckets making their rounds at the event, attendees dug deep to donate a total of \$696.10 to the cause – a figure which exceeded last year’s donations.

“We are extremely proud to have been able to put the event on again this year. People were really enjoying the food on offer and the performances from Jack Bubb, Little Einsteins, Liam Pram and Jamie McDell were amazing,” Ashburton Youth Council Co-Chair Tom Collis said.

“We’re very grateful to the community for coming out and supporting this event, and giving very generously to the Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy. It’s such an honour to have been able to help raise money for this fantastic organisation.”

Artem Kravchenko, the Youth Council’s fellow Co-Chair, added, “Initiatives like this don’t just happen - they take a lot of support and organisation. Bite Nite 2.0 would not have been possible without the Ashburton District Council, who generously provided funding for the event; More FM for organising advertising sponsorship and being MC on the night; Kennards Hire Ashburton; KFC Ashburton and Subway Ashburton for donating gift vouchers to give away; and our generous radio advertising sponsors, EA Networks, Cleavers Corner Gastro Pub and Real Estate New Zealand.

“We’d also like to give a big thank you to the people from the Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy for helping us to set up and pack away on the day, and to the people who came along and helped make our second Bite Nite event another great success.”

Around 300 people are estimated to have attended Bite Nite 2.0. The local live performances kept the crowd entertained well into the evening, before Kiwi singing sensation, Jamie McDell and her band took to the stage with some of her classics and to wrap up the festivities.

The Ashburton Youth Council are planning to officially present the proceeds from the night to the Mid Canterbury Boxing Academy at their next Youth Council Meeting.