



**DONATION:** Artist and *The Border Watch* journalist Kyra Sykes, The South East Junction coordinator Nel Jans and musician Bianca Hendy celebrate the success of two fundraising events for the mental health resource centre.

# Creative junction

## Fundraising events support mental health centre

TWO fundraising events celebrating art raised a collective \$1300 for Mount Gambier organisation the South East Junction.

Artist and *Border Watch* journalist Kyra Sykes and musician Bianca Hendy raised money by hosting an art exhibition and mini music festival in the South East.

Ms Sykes held an art exhibition titled *Scribbles of a Madman* as part of the Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival late last month.

The display featured artworks created by Ms Sykes as a way of boosting her own wellbeing and managing mental health challenges.

Combining funds from donations, print purchases and art

sales, she donated \$500 to the South East Junction.

*Scribbles of a Madman* will be on display at The Main Corner during Mental Health Week in October.

The other portion of the donation was raised at last Sunday's Dweebfest at the Shadows Entertainment Complex.

Ms Hendy's event was a mini music festival giving new bands in the area a chance to showcase their talent to an all ages crowd.

She chose to support the junction after liaising with Ms Sykes about Dweebfest.

"It was Kyra who told me about the South East Junction and it was great to be able to host such an

awesome event while supporting a local organisation," Ms Hendy said.

"The response was so positive I have decided to host Dweebfest again next year, this time bigger and better."

More than 200 people attended the event, which featured eight bands, a raffle and a display of Ms Sykes' artwork.

South East Junction coordinator Nel Jans said the combined funds raised by the artistic duo would be put towards youth mental health.

"It is great to see young people supporting this organisation, which is why we want to use this money to host a youth program or event," she said.

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