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ALBANY'S WA DAY FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE BEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The Museum of the Great Southern will once again host the highly popular FREE WA Day Festival in Albany for 2019, showcasing the very best of WA culture and everything that makes our State great. The Museum will come alive from 10am to 3pm on Monday June 3, with the Albany precinct bustling with things to do for the whole family.

Activities will include traditional indigenous tool making, short film screenings by Screenwest, stage performances and a showcase of the best of local talent. An obstacle course bouncy castle, petting zoo and reptile haven are just a few of the many kids' activities running over the course of the day including the annual thong throwing competition.

One of the highlights of this year's Festival includes a community art piece titled 'Our Coastal Landscape'. Local artist Trish Robinson will facilitate community members contributions to the painting, made up of small canvases. Following the event, Trish will collate the small art pieces onto a large canvas to be displayed at the Museum.

The Albany Photography Club will run a one-hour forum for Festival-goers keen to capture the region's landscape. Attendees are encouraged to come down early to secure their spot where local photographers will share advice and tips.

A free sausage sizzle is up for grabs for festival-goers who have worked up an appetite; food, coffee and ice-cream vans will also be dishing up delicious snacks including wood fired pizza and authentic Chinese street food, while the Red Cross Tea Room will be serving homemade cakes and sandwiches just like Nanna used to make.

Celebrate WA Chairman Michael Anghie said WA Day was a time for Western Australians to come together and celebrate all the fantastic things about the State.

"As Western Australians we have so much to be proud of. Across the world we're celebrated for our can-do attitude, our entrepreneurship, our good humour, hard work and our sense of community - all things that Western Australian's are proud to live by. This WA Day I hope everyone in the community comes together to celebrate everything that makes us and our State great," he said.

Those unable to make it to the Museum of Great Southern are invited to join the fun at nine additional events around the state including Burswood Park, Bunbury, Fremantle, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Newman, Onslow, Port Hedland and Pinjarra.

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About Celebrate WA

Celebrate WA is a not-for-profit organisation responsible for promoting and organising the annual WA Day celebrations; promoting excellence and achievement by Western Australians in all fields of endeavour; and encouraging pride in all things Western Australian.

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