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PORT HEDLAND'S WA DAY FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE BEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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This WA Day the Spinifex Hill Studios, Port Hedland, will celebrate the best of WA culture with a FREE local WA Day Festival.

On Monday June 5 from 11am to 3pm there will be a spectacular line-up of events to celebrate all things Western Australian.

Live music from local Port Hedland artists will provide a wonderful opportunity to celebrate WA's local musical talents. Pilbara musicians are known locally for their regional Western Australian experiences.

The home of Spinifex Hill Artists, Port Hedland's only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art group, will turn into a hub of creativity with artist Elle Campbell hosting a workshop exploring the cathartic practise of painting cloth. The workshop will encourage the mix of mediums such as acrylic marker and oil pastel, inspiring participants to enter a transient meditative state. The result will be a remarkable collective community artwork.

Fibre artist Fiona Gavino will be teaching basic skills for weaving with natural materials and raffia. For those who fancy an opportunity to make their very own string, coil baskets, and other basic woven forms; this workshop is for you!

Andrew Christie will also be showing off his whittling skills, the art of making small domestic objects out of recycled and local timbers. The self-taught designer and builder will be offering a new kind of workshop, allowing participants to hone in on hand-crafting skills in an open format, collaborative environment – perfect for adults to do solo or with children.

A bush barbeque will be available to celebrate a distinctively Port Hedland WA Day. Just wander over to the barbeque for the classic sausage in a bun, free to all attendees.

Celebrate WA Chairman Michael Anghie said: "WA Day Festival is a celebration of Western Australia: our relaxed lifestyle, beautiful landscape, local products, local pride, local music and most importantly, our people. We want as many people as possible to come out and enjoy their WA Day at this event."

"It is only suitable that the Port Hedland festivities are held at the Spinifex Hill Studios, as it highlights the wealth of local culture, artwork and talent in the Port Hedland community which the studio is well-known for."

Those unable to make it to the Spinifex Hill Studios are invited to join the fun at eight additional events around the state including Elizabeth Quay, Fremantle, Mandurah, Bunbury, Albany, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie-Boulder and Newman.

The WA Day Festival is made possible thanks to event sponsors BHP Billiton, the State Government of Western Australia and Lotterywest. The Port Hedland event is brought to you by arts and cultural organisation FORM Building a state of creativity Inc.

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About Celebrate WA

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