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SPECTACULAR WA DAY FESTIVAL SHOWCASES DYNAMIC WA

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The WA Day Festival at Elizabeth Quay is back, and bigger than ever in 2018. Western Australians will be able to celebrate life in WA and everything they enjoy about our great state with the FREE Festival at Elizabeth Quay and FREE events in many regional communities.

On Sunday 3 June from 10am to 10pm and Monday 4 June from 10am to 9pm, Elizabeth Quay will burst into life with a huge variety of events, activities and performances set to wow the many thousands of people expected to pass through the precinct.

The celebrations will feature a spectacular fireworks display over the Swan River on Sunday evening, one of the largest gatherings of Food Trucks ever in WA at Eat Street, a bigger than ever Play In WA kids zone, brand new BAR.BITES.BEATS from Bar Pop with DJs and multiple bars serving local beers and wines, all topped off with awesome live and local performers.

The big stage will keep everyone entertained, with Gina Williams and Guy Ghose delighting audiences with a performance that celebrates the Noongar language. Gina and Guy will come together with the One Big Voice singers, a group made up of students between the ages of 10 and 15, to perform Wanjoo, the welcome song Gina wrote in Noongar that has been taught to children all over the state.

The big stage crowd will also be lucky enough to hear from international performer Grace Barbe and her band. Hailing from the Seychelles, Grace and her band fuse traditional beats and rhythms with pop, reggae and psychedelic rock to create a truly unique sound. The audience will also be up on their feet for workshops from the highly popular Bollywood Dance Studio, testing their brains with a quiz from crowd favourite Famous Sharon, and amazed by the mind-boggling magic show of illusionist Pierre Ullric.

Under the Big Top kids and the young at heart can step up to play against the Perth Wildcats, or test their cricket skills and meet the Perth Scorchers. Girls Make Your Move will inspire, energise and empower young women to be more active, bringing free yoga and dance workshops along with heaps of great giveaways!

Tastebuds will be tantalised by Perth's biggest and best international food truck line-up, representing the state's melting pot of culture. Toast My Curry, Locale Kitchen, Jumplings, Mantu Hut, Standing Fork and The Wooden Box Cart are just a few of the popular portable eateries to be found at Eat Street, serving everything from Canadian Poutine, Perth's best Laksa, Japanese pan fried dumplings, Afghan cuisine and curry toasties (yes, curry toasties!). Guests can sit back, relax and watch the Centre Stage action on the big screen or drop in to the Channel 7 Perth Live Studio, where everyone can have a go at reading the News, have their photo taken at Summer Bay and take part in a handball competition to win themselves a prize.

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Those wanting to be part of the coolest pop up bar experience in Perth should head to BAR.BITES.BEATS, which will be featuring Insta-worthy bites, unique urban bars showcasing Western Australian wine and boutique brews, and local DJ's spinning tunes. Bar.Bites.Beats is every foodie and music lover's dream.

Discover the rich history, culture and way of life in Western Australia while meandering along the iconic waterfront promenade of Elizabeth Quay through a series of contemporary and interactive art installations on the Noongar Six Seasons, as well as engaging and educational activations such as First Aid Awareness. Attendees can also treat themselves to a ride on the gorgeous traditional fairground carousel, or put their skills to the test with a game of Mini Golf.

On Monday, 4 June the area transforms in to the awesome SOTA Festival, a FREE all-ages festival of internationally renowned local talent. Acts this year include Birds of Tokyo, San Cisco, ShockOne and Stella Donnelly. More information on the great bands and solo artists can be found at www.waday.com.au.

There will be 8 additional FREE regional festivals around the state for those who want to kick back in their home town or who are exploring WA including Mandurah, Bunbury, Albany, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Newman, Onslow and State of the Art Music Festival Port Hedland.

Celebrate WA Chairman Mike Anghie, says the WA Day Festival is the time to come together and enjoy the diversity of our state.

"WA Day is our day to celebrate being Western Australian – whether that be by birth, through migration to WA, short term for work and play or just visiting – we are all Western Australians on this special day and we have a lot to celebrate about our State. Whether you celebrate our fantastic people, our rich and diverse culture, our world class food and wine, our amazing lifestyle, our blue skies, our achievements across many areas including sport, business and the arts – the WA Day Festival is a celebration of all things great about our State. I hope everyone will come down to Elizabeth Quay and enjoy the fantastic activities and experiences on offer."

For full details on all the WA Day activities, visit www.waday.com.

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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 Australia.

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