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## **KALGOORLIE-BOULDER'S WA DAY FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE BEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

The exciting FREE WA Day Festival is on again in Kalgoorlie-Boulder for 2018, showcasing the very best of WA culture and everything that makes our State great.

The Museum of the Goldfields will be at the centre of the action on Monday June 4, with staff set to launch a toy bear into space using a high altitude balloon, capturing an incredible view of the Goldfields and inspiring a broader STEM education project. The Festival will run from 9.30am to 2.30pm with the Museum precinct bursting at the seams with free activities and entertainment for the whole family including stilt-walking, juggling, face painting, a bouncy castle, live music and more.

Visitors will be able to enjoy Old Mac Donald's Petting Zoo and cuddle some of their favourite furry animals, fly high on the Jumps 4us bungee trampolines, get involved with lego robotics with GEMIA, and watch an Aboriginal art project by AIME come to life. Kids will love the magic and puppet shows put on by Party Tricks, and Zuma Dean will get everybody moving with his energetic Zumba show.

The annual Golden Bone Dog Show is sure to be a highlight, with pampered pooches awarded prizes for the waggiest tail, scruffiest pup, best rescue dog and coolest trick. The dog declared to have the X-factor will come away with the Golden Bone trophy, which will be handmade by the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Men's Shed. If watching the dog show gives visitors the desire to own their own furry friend, Another Chance Animal Rescue will have pups available for adoption.

For those feeling peckish, food and coffee vans will be dishing up delicious snacks including Fat Buddha Thai food, and the ever-popular sausage sizzle from the North Kalgoorlie Primary School P&C.

For the first time, communities throughout the State will be connected to the 2018 SOTA Festival with the hugely popular show livestreamed from Elizabeth Quay directly to a giant screen at CY O'Connor Park Kalgoorlie. SOTA Festival is a celebration of the very best of WA music with up and coming bands and old favourites mingling together in harmony. This year, visitors will be able to watch the likes of Birds of Tokyo, San Cisco and Mama Kin Spender live without leaving town.

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.

"In WA we have some of the most talented, hardworking and kind people in the country, not to mention incredible produce, stunning landscapes and a relaxed lifestyle. I hope everyone will come out on WA Day to celebrate everything that makes WA great," he said.

Museum of the Goldfields Regional Manager Zoe Scott said it was great to see people join together to celebrate WA Day.

"WA has such a rich history, so we're thrilled to be celebrating it again at the Museum and we hope everyone will come down and join us. There are so many fantastic events on, I think it will be something the whole community can really get involved in," Ms Scott said.

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Those unable to make it to the Museum of the Goldfields are invited to join the fun at eight additional events around the state including Elizabeth Quay, Mandurah, Bunbury, Albany, Geraldton, Newman, Onslow and Port Hedland.

The WA Day Festival is made possible thanks to event sponsors BHP, the State Government of Western Australia and Lotterywest.

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Footage captured from the toy bear launch is available on request.

**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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