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NEWMAN'S WA DAY FESTIVAL AND PORT HEDLAND'S STATE OF THE ART FESTIVAL CELEBRATE THE VERY BEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Two exciting FREE festivals are on in the Pilbara this WA Day, with The Square in Newman and the Civic Centre Gardens in Port Hedland showcasing the very best of WA culture and everything that makes our State great.

On Monday, 4 June from 10am to 9pm Lee Lane in Newman will be jam packed with free activities for the whole family including the WA Day Community Markets, presented by Red Desert Events, which will feature stunning locally made products, delicious WA food and local produce.

Crowds will be treated to performances by local bands Robbers Dog, Tany Walker and Big T who are sure to get everyone on their feet and moving.

For those feeling peckish the Outback Beef sausage sizzle will be dishing up delectable favourites that will make everyone's taste buds tingle.

For the first time, Newman residents will be connected to the 2018 SOTA Festival from 3pm to 9pm with the hugely popular show livestreamed from Elizabeth Quay directly to a giant screen in the Newman town square. 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.

Lucky locals and visitors to Port Hedland will be in for a treat on WA Day as the town has been selected to host its very own State Of The Art Festival, a sister festival to SOTA in Perth. The FREE, all-ages gig features a spectacular line up of home-grown artists, including local Pilbara musicians.

The Tommyhawks, an all-female Perth-based band will wow guests with their mix of indie grunge, folk, blues and punk tunes. They are backed up by Fred Ryan and the Blackstone Ramblers and Mikey Smith – Pilbara musicians who will enchant festival-goers with original songs with a local flavour. The line-up is rounded out by the folk and alt-country sound of Billie Rogers and the Country Gentlemen and Lachy John.

There will be a range of delicious food trucks at the festival at Street Eats, with something to keep everyone in the family happy.

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.

CEO of WAM, Mike Harris said it was great to see people join together to celebrate WA Day.

"WA Day is a great opportunity to celebrate the importance and quality of Western Australian Music; it is especially exciting for WAM to curate such a fantastic line up of artists, including Pilbara locals, for the Port Hedland leg of SOTA."

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Those unable to make it to the Newman or Port Hedland festivities are invited to join the fun at seven additional events around the state including Elizabeth Quay, Bunbury, Albany, Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Mandurah, and Onslow.

The 2018 WA Day Festival is made possible thanks to event sponsors BHP, the State Government of Western Australia and Lotterywest.

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