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BUNBURY'S WA DAY FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE VERY BEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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

On Monday, June 4 from 10am to 9pm the Stirling Street Arts Centre will be jam packed with free activities for the whole family, including face painting, Radrock climbing wall and trampoline, slotcar racing, croquet and theatrical make-up station.

Top of the Stairs Puppets will put on a special showcase that will delight adults and children alike, and local Bunbury artist Dee Mosca will host her interactive installation at inTENTactive with a fun photo booth. Attendees will have the chance to immerse themselves in Aboriginal culture with interactive Indigenous art projects, damper making, and check out Koolangka's Kreate tell traditional stories through dance.

Good Nights will play live tunes and crowds will be treated to a performance of *Wanjoo*, a welcome song written in Noongar performed by local school choirs.

For those feeling peckish, food vans will be dishing up delicious snacks including Mattia's Italian Vibes, Pride of India, Gyoza Joint, Singapore Satay and sweet treats from Sweet n Tempting.

For the first time, the hugely popular 2018 SOTA Festival will be broadcast live from 3pm to 9pm from Elizabeth Quay directly to a giant screen in the Arts Centre. 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, ShockOne, Mama Kin Spender and Stella Donnelly live without leaving town. Music lovers can bring a picnic rug and park themselves alongside the pop-up bar with drinks sourced from local breweries and wineries while they enjoy the live broadcast.

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 our local community is important, each of our communities have some of the most talented, hardworking and committed people in the country who contribute to making WA a better place to live through their daily actions. On WA Day we celebrate all things great about WA including our 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

Stirling Street Arts Centre Manager, Graeme Lush 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 Centre 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" Mr Lush said.

Those unable to make it to the Stirling Street Arts Centre are invited to join the fun at eight additional events around the state including Elizabeth Quay, Albany, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie-Boulder,

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About Celebrate WA

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