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FREMANTLE FESTIVAL CELEBRATES THE BEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

The highly popular and exciting FREE WA Day Festival is back in Fremantle for 2019, showcasing the very best of WA culture and everything that makes our state great.

On Sunday June 2 from midday to 8pm the Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour will be jam packed with free activities for the whole family, including performances by multi-cultural dances groups, live music and plenty of kid's activities.

Themed as 'A Good Day in WA' the celebrations – hosted by the Fremantle Fishing Boat Traders Group – will open with a traditional smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country before becoming a hive of activity with performances from local bands and dance groups.

Sure to delight adults and children alike, this year's Festival will include performances by traditional Bibbulmun Aboriginal dance and music group Wadumbah Dance and Yaolin Kung Fu Dragon and Lion Dance Association who will bring an international element to the day with Chinese lion and dragon dancing.

For punters who have worked up an appetite, the iconic harbour restaurants will be open all day dishing up delicious Freo food. Cicerello's, Kailis Fish Market Café, Little Creatures, Char Char Restaurant and Bar, and Bathers Beach House are just a few of the delectable options on offer.

A corroboree will take place on Bathers Beach later in the day (5:15pm) before a stunning light show over the harbour commences at 5.30pm. The Festival will then conclude with a spectacular fire show featuring special pyrotechnic effects held at the family-friendly time of 7.30pm.

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.

"As Western Australians we have so much to be proud of. Across the world we're celebrated for our can-do attitude, our entrepreneurship, our good humour, hard work and our sense of community - all things that Western Australian's are proud to live by. This WA Day I hope everyone in the community comes together to celebrate everything that makes us and our State great," he said.

Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour Traders' Group representative Nick Unmack of Cicerello's said it was great to see people join together to celebrate WA Day at the harbour.

"WA has such a rich history, particularly Fremantle with our rich migrant background, so we're thrilled to be hosting celebrations in the harbour. We hope everyone will come down and join us, there are so many fantastic activities, there will be something for everyone," Nick Unmack said.

Those unable to make it to the Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour are invited to join the fun at nine additional events around the state including Burswood Park, Albany, Bunbury, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie, Newman, Onslow, Port Hedland and Pinjarra.

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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 Australian.

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