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WA DAY FESTIVAL SET TO BE BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER

The WA Day public holiday is fast approaching, and this year Western Australians will be celebrating all things WA at a brand new location: Burswood Park.

The highly popular WA Day Festival has moved to a bigger and better riverside location, to ensure even more Western Australians can participate and enjoy all their favourite activities from previous years as well as experiencing new and exciting activities at this FREE Festival.

On Sunday 2 June from 10am to 10pm and Monday 3 June from 10am to 9pm, Burswood Park will be filled with an array of activities and performances set to delight and entertain the thousands who are expected to attend the riverside precinct, after last year's record breaking attendance of 105,000.

For the first time ever in 2019 the Festival will feature an Art Meets Science zone where Western Australia's incredible innovative arts and science scenes meet. The zone will be packed with entertaining and enlightening action, including the String Symphony from Spare Parts Puppet Theatre; an incredible giant illuminated puppet suspended with ropes brought to life by festival goers.

Visitors will also enter the magical world of Indigenous storytelling through a unique 180 degree full dome cinema experience, Star Dreaming. Festival goers will be taken on a magical journey through time and space as they traverse the crystal clear night skies of outback Western Australia, learning from local Elders in traditional language and English.

Sunday celebrations will feature a host of family activities at the larger than ever Bupa Play in WA zone with free kids' activities including panning for gold with The Perth Mint, an inflatable playground, petting zoo, fairies and more.

This year, centre stage will be taken over by SNACK on Sunday. Presented by Bar Pop, the gurus behind Ice Cream Factory, SNACK will provide a flurry of fun with fourteen of Perth's best DJ's spinning tunes until 10pm, a giant silent disco, free festival rides, food trucks and a glitter station.

Foodie's will be in absolute heaven with Perth's biggest and best international food truck line-up, representing the state's melting pot of culture. Shake Waffle n Roll, Thai on Tyres, Jumplings, Big 5 Curry Den and Smokin BBQ Bus are just a few of the popular portable eateries to be found at Synergy Eat Street, serving everything from American ribs and Perth's best laksa, to curry toasties.

Pop up bars will also spring into action at Burswood Park in the licensed zone around Centre Stage, serving up WA wines, beers and cider, accompanied by entertainment from local DJs.

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The incredible Famous Sharron will host the WA Day Family Stage in the Arts Meets Science zone where performers include: One Big Voice – a talented group of young singers; a community talent competition and mix94.5 Chill Zone featuring acoustic artists and a live broadcast from Mix94.5's Blake Williams. ScreenWest will be screening home gown short films for all to enjoy, and the WA Museum will be bringing back their famous Inflatable Museum and Museum in a Container, inviting inquisitive passers-by to take part in a range of space-related activities.

Exclusive to Sunday, festival goers can shoot hoops against the Perth Wildcats, test their cricket skills against the Perth Scorchers, put their archery skills to the test and join other groups including Football West, Perth Heat and Tennis West before heading over to this year's much anticipated mascot race. The family-friendly activities will conclude at 7.15pm with a stunning fireworks display over the Swan River featuring a soundtrack of WA artists. For festival goers keen to stay a little longer SNACK will keep celebrations alive until 10pm.

Family fun continues on Monday, 3 June when Burswood Park will transform for SOTA Festival, a FREE all-ages festival of internationally renowned local talent. Acts this year include Drapht, Jebediah, John Butler, Katy Steele and Slumberjack, . Music won't be the only focus on Monday however; Sunday activities will be present on Monday, including the Bupa Play in WA, Art Meets Science zone and Synergy Eat Street. Information on the great bands and solo artists can be found at www.waday.com.

There will be 9 additional FREE festivals around the state for those who want to kick back in their home town or who are exploring WA including Fremantle, Albany, Bunbury, Pinjarra, Kalgoorlie, Geraldton, Newman, Onslow and Port Hedland.

Celebrate WA Chairman Mike Anghie said the WA Day Festival represented all the best things about Western Australia, and it was the perfect day out for everyone looking to celebrate their state.

“There are so many things to be proud of as a Western Australian. We have a diverse and harmonious mix of cultures, an incredible lifestyle, world class natural and manmade attractions, unparalleled food and wine, and our citizens are leading the world in many areas including sport, business and the arts. WA Day and the WA Day Festival is our chance to celebrate all these things and more, and I encourage everyone to come down to Burswood Park to join in on the fun, as there really is something for everyone.”

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

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