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JANUARY

2012 Fireball Sailing World Championships 27 December to 7 January, Mandurah

One of the world's premier sailing events will be held in Mandurah, with more than 100 competitors from over 15 countries competing in the Fireball World Sailing Championships. This international event will set sail from Comet Bay, bordered by the Indian Ocean, two popular beaches and the picturesque Mandurah Ocean Marina.



2012 Fireball Sailing World Championships

Hyundai Hopman Cup XXIV 31 December to 7 January, Burswood Dome, Perth

For 24 years the Hopman Cup has been serving up the very best in international tennis. Some of the stars set to compete in 2012 include world number one Caroline Wozniacki, reigning French Open champion Li Na, Lleyton Hewitt, world number seven Tomas Berdych, reigning Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova and 2011 Hopman Cup champion Bethanie Mattek-Sands.



Lancelin Ocean Classic

Lancelin Ocean Classic 12 to 15 January, Lancelin

The most prestigious and longest running windsurfing event in Australia is set to attract world class competitors and spectators to the picturesque crayfishing town of Lancelin. The event features three disciplines and has competitors from more than 18 countries competing in spectacular wind and water conditions over four days.

Cricket City Perth, Vodafone Test Match – Australia v India

13 to 17 January, WACA, Perth

The most eagerly anticipated series between two cricket powerhouses comes to the WACA this summer. This may be the last chance West Australian's will have to see one of cricket's all-time great batsmen, Indian maestro Sachin Tendulkar, play a test match at the WACA.



Cricket City Perth

Mount Barker Grapes and Gallops 15 January, Mount Barker

Mount Barker Grapes and Gallops is fast becoming the Great Southern's most iconic festival of premium wine, gourmet foods and action-packed horse racing. Thousands of visitors will enjoy tastings from local wineries, a long table luncheon and live local music in one of Western Australia's most picturesque destinations.

Yallingup Surfilm Festival 20 to 22 January, Dunsborough

Held over two days and three nights, the Yallingup Surfilm Festival will host screenings of inspiring independent short and feature-length surf films from around the world. Filmmakers will also be on hand to offer their artistic perspectives. Scenic outdoor venues in Australia's South West offer spectacular settings, as movie-goers enjoy world-class films under the stars.



Yallingup Surfilm Festival

The Doctor 21 January, Rottnest to Sorrento Beach

The Doctor is set to challenge even the toughest competitors with a gruelling 28-kilometre downwind surf-ski race from Rottnest Island to Sorrento Beach. Competitors paddle across open water as the 'Fremantle Doctor' creates spectacular downwind conditions. The Doctor is part of a multi-sport race over 11 days, featuring a variety of distances and paddle crafts.



The Doctor

WA Circus Festival 21 to 23 January, Karridale

The only festival of its kind in Western Australia, the circus festival brings together international, national and state contemporary circus performers for three days of public performances. Enjoy a showcase of local performances and international acts including the Aromatic Company Circus (Switzerland), the European Juggling Association (Holland), La Cossas Nostras Productions (Italy), Tumble Circus (Ireland) and Laura Tikka (Switzerland).

Wind on Water Festival 26 January, Geraldton

Starting with a community breakfast and closing with fireworks and a movie, there's something for everyone at the inaugural Wind on Water Festival along Geraldton's foreshore. Celebrating Australia Day and the region's love of the sea, beach and land, visitors will enjoy a day of music, food and children's activities.



Wind on Water Festival

Champbikx Probikx National Series Rounds 3 & 4 28 to 29 January, Bunbury

The Champbikx Probikx National Series is BMX Australia's premier national race series for Elite Men and Women riders 14 years of age and above. Experience the only event in Western Australia that showcases national level Elite BMX athletes.

Indian Ocean Classic and Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IronMan Series and IronWoman Series

28 to 29 January, Scarborough Beach, Perth

A weekend of surf sport action sets off along Perth's most iconic beaches with the Indian Ocean Classic. Competitors will ski, board, run and swim their own version of the IronMan competition. The action continues on Sunday when Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IronMan Series and IronWoman Series returns to Perth for the first time in 15 years.



Indian Ocean Classic and Kellogg's Nutri-Grain IronMan Series and IronWoman Series

FEBRUARY

Be Active Busselton Jetty Swim 4 to 5 February, Busselton

As one of the largest open water swim events in Western Australia, this event is eagerly anticipated by locals and visitors alike. Using Western Australia's historic Busselton Jetty as a feature of the event, it is the only open water swim where spectators can watch the entire 3.6-kilometre course from the jetty itself.

Cricket City Perth Commonwealth Bank One Day Internationals 8 February (India v Sri Lanka) and 10 February (Australia v Sri Lanka), WACA, Perth

Cricket fans are in for a treat when the WACA hosts two Commonwealth Bank One Day Internationals. First up, crowds will see an ICC World Cup final rematch between India and Sri Lanka. Then Australia take on Sri Lanka. The One Day Internationals compliment the 2011/2012 VODAFONE test between Australia and India.

Perth International Arts Festival 10 February to 3 March, Perth and Great Southern

The Perth International Arts Festival is the longest running annual international multi-arts festival in the southern hemisphere. It offers some of the world's best theatre, music, film, visual arts, literature and free community events. Since 1953 the Festival has welcomed some of the world's greatest living artists and entertained more than 800,000 people.

Perth Track Classic 11 February, Western Australia Athletics Stadium, Perth

Up to 20 invited international track and field stars will compete alongside Australia's top athletes. Be there for your chance to see home-grown heroes like reigning world, Olympic and Commonwealth pole vault champion Steve Hooker, Commonwealth gold medallist Alana Boyd and world champion hurdler Sally Pearson go head to head with overseas rivals.

Boyup Brook Country Music Festival 15 to 19 February, Boyup Brook

The five-day Boyup Brook Country Music Festival is Western Australia's premier country music event. Visitors will enjoy the WA Country Music Awards and the Boyup Ute and Truck Muster plus arts and street performances. The WA Bush Poets Awards and Australia's biggest Bush Poets Breakfast will celebrate one of the country's most unique cultural offerings.

Geographe Bay Race Week 17 to 24 February, Busselton

Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2012, Western Australia's longest and largest yachting regatta takes off from Busselton's idyllic Port Geographe Marina. Over 100 yachts and more than 1,200 sailors will set sail in this eagerly anticipated event. The action continues on shore with a burger and beer picnic, wine and dine walk and art exhibition.

V75 Inter Dominion Championship 17, 20, 24 February and 2 March, Gloucester Park, Perth

Regarded as the 'Melbourne Cup' of harness racing, the V75 Inter Dominion Championship Final is Australia's only million dollar pacing event. Perth's Gloucester Park was the birth place of the Inter Dominion, hosting the initial championship in 1936 and since then the Inter Dominion has developed into one of the world's great harness racing events.

South West Craft Beer Festival 25 to 26 February, Margaret River

For the first time ever, the best of the South West craft breweries will come together for a celebration of the region's produce, music and of course beer. Festival goers will sample the region's finest brews – from the more traditional pale ales and pilsners to creations like ginger and chocolate beer. Activities include staged performances and a children's amusement area.

MARCH

Margaret River Wine Region Festival March (tbc), Margaret River

Celebrate Western Australia's extraordinary South West region with a five-day wine, food, art, music and lifestyle festival. Featuring events from Augusta to Busselton, the Margaret River Wine Region Festival includes a street fiesta, vintage festival, long table feast, plus fashion and sporting fun. A must for all foodies.

Sculpture by the Sea, Cottesloe 1 to 19 March, Cottesloe Beach, Perth

Iconic Cottesloe Beach will be transformed into a stunning sculpture park when more than 70 local, interstate and international artists display their unique works of art. Now in its 8th year, this annual exhibition on the shores of the Indian Ocean has become one of Perth's largest and free public events.

Taste Great Southern 2 to 5 March, Great Southern

In its 8th year, this event showcases the rich and diverse flavours of one of Western Australia's most beautiful destinations. With events spreading from Perth, Albany, Denmark, Mount Barker, Porongurups, Broomehill and Kojonup – the festival includes long table lunches, markets, tastings, masters classes, exhibitions, workshops and celebrity guest chefs.

Nannup Music Festival 2 to 5 March, Nannup

The lush forest along the banks of the Blackwood River is the perfect location for a long weekend of national and international musical talent. The Nannup Music Festival celebrates its 23rd year with a diverse program of concerts, workshops, dance and activities for children and young people.



Be Active Busselton Jetty Swim



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Perth Track Classic



Geographe Bay Race Week



V75 Inter Dominion Championship



Margaret River Wine Region Festival



Nannup Music Festival

MARCH

GAMEX 10 to 17 March, Exmouth

Western Australia's premier game fishing tournament where anglers of all experience levels can compete for the 17 main prize divisions and daily giveaways. The Australian International Billfish Tournament is held just after GAMEX, from 19 to 23 March. Both events can be viewed from the crystal blue waters that surround Exmouth, home to more than 40 different game fish species.

Channel Seven Mandurah Crab Fest 16 to 18 March, Mandurah

The Channel Seven Mandurah Crab Fest offers two days of vibrant festival activities including live performances, market stalls, rides and a stunning fireworks display. With its strong food and wine focus, the event offers an array of flavours to tempt anyone's taste buds including cooking demonstrations by renowned chefs, local wines and boutique beers.

Action Sports Games Mandurah 16 to 18 March, Mandurah

Mandurah will play host to some of the best talent in Freestyle Motorcross, Skateboarding and BMX with the exciting Mandurah Action Sports Games. As part of the Channel Seven Mandurah Crab Fest, the three days of action will also feature the International Waterski and Wakeboard Federation (IWWF) Waterski and Wakeboard World Cup.

FotoFreo 2012: the City of Fremantle Festival of Photography 17 March to 15 April, Fremantle

FotoFreo is a month-long biennial festival of photography that showcases the work of Australian and leading international photographers. Exhibitions, workshops, film screenings and discussions are part of the program, plus two photographic projects, one by Martin Parr and the other by Western Australian photographer Bo Wong.

UCI World Cycling Tour Qualifier 18 to 25 March, Rottnest Island and Perth

International, interstate and local cyclists will be part of a world qualifying event in the extraordinary destinations of Rottnest Island and Kings Park. Part of a series of sanctioned races held all over the world, this nine-day cycling festival offers the chance for amateur cyclists to qualify for the UWCT Final and don the rainbow jersey.

Chevron Australia – 2012 Perth International Track Cycling Grand Prix 18 to 31 March, Midvale Speed Dome, Perth

18 to 31 March, Midvale SpeedDome, Perth

This event will be the first of only two UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) category 1 track cycling events to be held in Australia during the 2011-12 season. One hundred and twenty of the world's best track cyclists, representing 12 countries will burn up the boards of the magnificent Speeddome stadium as they prepare for the Melbourne World Championships and the London Olympics. Be there for a unique opportunity to be up close and personal with many Olympic Games level riders.

Telstra Drug Aware Pro Margaret River 19 to 26 March, Margaret River

A stellar line up of surfing professionals will battle it out at Margaret River's world-renowned surf break for the Telstra Drug Aware Pro Margaret River. Delivering some of the biggest waves in the world, this destination attracts the best surfers on the planet as part of the Association of Surfing Professionals world tour.

Quit Forest Rally 30 March to 1 April, Nannup / Busselton

The nation's motorsport spotlight will be on Australia's South West as the Quit Forest Rally races through Busselton and Nannup. Western Australia's round of the Australian Rally Championship, attracts the country's best rally drivers and will see around 200 cars and bikes sprint across the State's extraordinary landscape.

APRIL

Hyden 450 6 to 8 April, Hyden

The Hyden 450 is a dual status National Championship and State Championship Long Course Off Road Event. Competitors racing in buggies, 4WD's or production vehicles compete over a varied course of dirt, sand, gravel, clay, rocky outcrop and bitumen.

Fremantle Street Arts Festival 7 to 9 April, Fremantle

Fremantle is filled with free events, family friendly shows, astonishing physical feats and surprises during Australia's largest street arts festival. Now in its 14th year, the festival showcases some of the world's best performances by street artists from the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Argentina, New Zealand and Japan.

York Antique and Collectors Fair 7 to 9 April, York

Western Australia's oldest antique fair is also renowned for being one of the region's biggest and best. Held in the beautiful historic town of York, the fair includes valuations, auctions, entertainment, unique products and antique stalls.

Valley View Vintage and Military Weekend 14 to 15 April, Geraldton

Step back in time to enjoy a weekend of unique memorabilia, military history and swing time music. The event includes an outdoor concert featuring Second World War themed entertainment and a daytime exhibition of vintage and military equipment with vehicles and aircraft on display and in action.

100% Smoke Free : All Australian Car Day IX 15 April, Pinjarra

Pinjarra will be a car lovers' paradise when the 100% Smoke Free: All Australian Car Day IX drives into town. Around 450 classic Australian vehicles will be displayed as motoring enthusiasts enjoy the largest event of its kind in WA. The day features family fun with music, dance and a regional wine and gourmet expo.



Channel Seven Mandurah Crab Fest



Action Sports Games Mandurah



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FotoFreo 2012



UCI World Cycling Tour Qualifier



QUIT Rally



Fremantle Street Arts Festival



100% Smoke Free : All Australian Car Day IX

MAY

Broome Beach Polo Festival 6 to 13 May, Broome

Held on the picturesque Cable Beach in Broome, this free public event showcases beach polo in a round robin competition. Combining one of nature's greatest assets, the sunset over the Kimberley coast with the vigour and excitement of Australian and International top professional polo players competing for the Paspaley Cup, this is an event not to be missed.



Broome Beach Polo Festival

Shark Bay Annual Fishing Fiesta 12 to 18 May, Denham

Held in the beautiful World Heritage Area of Shark Bay, the week long fishing fiesta features activities for all ages including market days, street parade, kids entertainment, musical performances, workshops and nightly fish weigh-ins all culminating in fireworks on the final night.

3 Waters Marathon 13 May, Bunbury

The 3 Waters Marathon is a running and walking event that showcases the beautiful scenery of the City of Bunbury. This annual event draws its participants from the south west, Perth and interstate as well as the strong cultural exchange between runners from Bunbury's sister city, Setagaya, Japan. The 3 Waters Marathon takes in the beautiful Leschenault Inlet, Koombana Bay and the Indian Ocean.



V8 Supercars Trading Post Perth Challenge

V8 Supercars Trading Post Perth Challenge 4 to 6 May, Barbagello Raceway, Perth

The action-packed V8 Supercars Trading Post Perth Challenge will see championship motorsport personalities return to a significantly different venue at Barbagallo in 2012. As part of a phased approach to the redevelopment of the track, the V8's will be operating out of a state of the art pit and garage facility. Plus a pedestrian bridge to the new infield paddock area will add an exciting dimension to the event in 2012.

Busselton Festival of Triathlon 4 to 6 May, Busselton

The Busselton Festival of Triathlon is an internationally recognised event attracting participants and supporters from around the world. Featuring more than 2,000 competitors every year, it consists of a 113-kilometre swim, ride and run throughout the Geographe region. The festival also hosts a retail expo, kids triathlon, charity breakfast and athlete visits to schools.



Busselton Festival of Triathlon

Nguyuru Waaringarrem Halls Creek Music Festival 4 to 6 May, Halls Creek

The festival will include musical performances by various Kimberley artists, music workshops, song competitions, food stalls, information stalls and an array of children and youth activities. The highlight of the festival will be a performance by singer, songwriter and dancer Christine Anu and cooking demonstrations by celebrity chef Mark Olive, The Black Olive.

A Night Under the Stars at Karijini 19 May, Karijini National Park

This inaugural concert will be held in the rugged, red beauty of the spectacular Karijini National Park. The concert features James Morrison, the WA Jazz Youth Orchestra with Indigenous dancers and performers and Ernie Dingo as MC. A Night Under the Stars will be an unforgettable experience in a unique setting.



Ningaloo Whaleshark Festival

Ningaloo Whaleshark Festival 25 to 27 May, Exmouth

The Ningaloo Whaleshark Festival marks the beginning of the whale shark season, welcoming the gentle giants back to the turquoise waters of Exmouth. Showcasing Western Australia's extraordinary Coral Coast, the festival features a family day in Federation Park with live entertainment, music, exhibitions and educational displays.



Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster

Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster 25 May to 3 June, East Kimberley

Experience one of the most beautiful regions on earth through this celebration of the East Kimberley region, highlighting its cultural diversity, stunning landscape and country hospitality. Event highlights include the Airmouth Kimberley Moon Experience concert, Waringarri Corroboree, Bush Tucker Cooking, Comedy Night and the Barramundi Concert.

JUNE

York Gourmet Food and Wine Festival 2 to 3 June, York

Based in the heart of the Avon Valley region, the York Gourmet Food and Wine Festival celebrates Western Australia's gourmet food and premier wine. Fresh produce, interactive cooking demonstrations, balloon artists and face painters will entertain the whole family in the majestic York Town Hall just a short drive north of Perth.



York Gourmet Food and Wine Festival

Whale Song Augusta 2 to 3 June, Augusta

This event celebrates the beginning of whale watching season in the region. It includes a marine-themed market day with local produce tastings, seafood cooking demonstrations and classes, children's art competition and photo exhibition, musical performances, art workshops, children's entertainment, sea search and rescue display and a community auction. While visiting the event look for the large numbers of Southern Right and Humpback whales seen very close to the shoreline in Augusta.

Pinjarra Festival 2 to 3 June, Pinjarra

The Pinjarra festival aims to celebrate and showcase the Shire of Murray by promoting the uniqueness of the rural, historic lifestyle and activities of the Murray region. The annual arts and culture event features arts and crafts, local produce and musical entertainment. The event is coordinated by the Shire of Murray.



Whale Song Augusta

JUNE

Leonora Golden Gift

2 to 4 June, Leonora

Elite athletes from across the country and around the world will descend on Australia's Golden Outback for the Leonora Golden Gift weekend. Featuring Australia's richest 1,600-metre foot race, the Elite Mile, this athletic carnival is supported by a free community concert, horse racing carnival, fireworks, children's entertainment, market stalls and street performances.

Albany Classic Motor Event

4 to 6 June, Albany

Get up close and personal with magnificent motor vehicles as more than 180 vintage and classic cars drive into Albany. The Albany Classic Motor Event includes the Round the Houses Motor Event, family entertainment, two individual hill climb and motor events at Mt Clarence and the Albany Wind Farm.

YouYi Games

13 June (tbc), Challenge Stadium, Perth

YouYi Games brings world-class basketball to Perth as part of an exciting international series, including games in China and Singapore. The on-court action at Challenge Stadium will see the Australian National Men's Team, the Boomers, take on the Chinese National Men's Team as they vie for dominance in the Asia Pacific region in the YouYi "Friendship" Games.

Truffle Kerfuffle – Southern Forests Food Festival

16 June, Manjimup

The festival is held in the heart of the Southern Forests region of Western Australia where over 70% of Australia's 2011 black truffles were harvested. Including food and wine stalls, cooking demonstrations and classes, truffle dog competitions and the opportunity to participate in truffle hunts, the Truffle Kerfuffle gives visitors the chance to meet and learn from the people who grow, harvest, cook and innovate with the amazing produce from this wonderful region.

Picasso to Warhol: Twelve Modern Masters

16 June to 3 December, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth

More than 100 masterpieces by iconic 20th century artists – including Henri Matisse, Marcel Duchamp and Jackson Pollock – will be on display at Picasso to Warhol: Twelve Modern Masters. The exhibition will include celebrated works from the Museum of Modern Art as part of the Art Gallery of Western Australia's Great Collections of the World series.

Andy Warhol (American, 1928-1987) Self-Portrait, 1966

Silkscreen ink on synthetic polymer paint on nine canvases. Each canvas 22 1/2 x 22 1/2" (57.2 x 57.2 cm), overall 67 5/8 x 67 5/8" (171.7 x 171.7 cm). The Museum of Modern Art, New York. Gift of Philip Johnson © 2011 Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York

JULY

To the Moon and Back Festival July (tbc), Carnarvon

Apollo 11 Astronaut and the second man on the moon, Buzz Aldrin, will be the special guest at the festival which celebrates the opening of the Carnarvon Space and Technology Museum. The museum hosts the last "sugar scoop" dish of its kind in the world and was used for the first satellite television program in Australian television. The history of the Carnarvon Tracking station will also be featured through video presentations, artefacts and Apollo and Gemini space capsule mock-ups.

Revelation Film Festival 5 to 15 July, Perth

Western Australia's international film festival embracing cutting-edge movies, live music and performances. The annual film festival based presents a prestigious and boutique screening program of new and premiere films drawn directly from the international festival scene, often unseen in Australia.

Mowanjum Festival 12 July, Derby

Experience the unique art and culture of the Western Kimberley's Worrora, Ngarinyin and Wunumbal people. Held at the unique Mowanjum art and culture centre, the festival features over 100 Indigenous performers, Boab nut carving, Didgeridoo workshops and magnificent corroborees of the Ngarinyin, Worrora and Wunumbal people.

AFL Masters WA – Broome Carnival 14 to 21 July, Broome

Australian Rules Football teams, aged 35 years and over, from throughout the state will meet in Broome to compete in the AFL Masters WA - Broome Carnival. See or participate in games for over 35s, 40s, 45s, 50s and 55s in the exotic North West town of Broome.

Mundaring Truffle Festival 28 to 29 July, Mundaring

Western Australia is one of the rare places in the world where black truffles grow and the Mundaring Truffle Festival is a unique opportunity to taste, try, learn about and buy this culinary delicacy. Set in the Mundaring Sculpture Park just outside Perth, you can savour a truffle-themed gourmet weekend, featuring leading local, national and international chefs.



Albany Classic Motor Event



YouYi Games



Truffle Kerfuffle - Southern Forests Food Festival



Revelation Film Festival



Mundaring Truffle Festival

AUGUST

Act Belong Commit Avon Descent 4 to 5 August, Northam to Perth

Celebrating its 40th anniversary, the Act Belong Commit Avon Descent is Western Australia's own unique sporting event attracting competitors and spectators from across Australia and around the globe. Competitors pass through some of the State's most picturesque countryside as they take on the world's longest white water event over two days and 124 gruelling kilometres.



Act Belong Commit Avon Descent

Morawa Art Show & Exhibition 10 to 17 August, Morawa

The Wheatbelt farming town of Morawa is the ideal host for a week-long regional art exhibition, showcasing works from local, young and Indigenous artists. With more than 300 entries expected, the Morawa Art Show & Exhibition is set to support artists to become commercially successful and showcase the region's rich settler heritage and Aboriginal history.



Chevron City to Surf

CinéfestOZ 22 to 26 August, Busselton

Each year CinéfestOZ brings to the screens new and exciting films, some which might never have previously been shown and featuring talent which might otherwise be hidden from the public gaze. All films shown have either a French or Australian link, either by way of the filmmaker, production and direction involvement or scriptwriting. Whilst enjoying fabulous film screenings, visitors to the festival can immerse themselves in the events and mingle with the stars and filmmakers.

Chevron City to Surf 26 August, Perth

Chevron City to Surf for Activ is the largest community sporting event in Western Australia incorporating the marathon, half marathon, 12km run/walk, 4km run/walk/wheelchair. The course takes participants on a journey from the City of Perth to City Beach. Boasting Western Australia's largest field and Australia's richest prize pool, the City to Surf Marathon takes in some of Perth's most beautiful sights. Starting from the city centre, runners travel along the Swan River banks before entering Kings Park and finishing at City Beach on the beautiful Indian Ocean.



Shinju Matsuri Festival

Shinju Matsuri Festival 31 August to 9 September, Broome

From the high spirited and colourful waking of Sammy the Dragon after his yearlong slumber, across ten days of festivity, Shinju Matsuri is an experience like no other. Held every year to coincide with the natural phenomenon known as 'Staircase to the Moon', the town buzzes with the excitement from this unique cultural celebration of Broome's multicultural heritage and pearling history.

SEPTEMBER

Perth Fashion Festival September (tbc), Perth

Perth is fast becoming a fashion hot spot and with iconic events like Perth Fashion Festival, there's little wonder why. Now in its 14th year, the Festival sees fashionistas experiencing high fashion events at a range of unique venues. With world-class runway shows, styling workshops and fashion lunches, the Festival's line-up keeps getting better.



Perth Fashion Festival

The Castrol Edge Rugby Championship, Australia v South Africa

8 September, Paterson Stadium, Perth

The Qantas Wallabies return to Perth when they take on South Africa in a 2011 Rugby World Cup quarter finals re-match. The game will be Perth's fixture of The Castrol Edge Rugby Championship, to be launched in 2012 when the Rugby's Tri-Nations becomes the four nations when Argentina joins the competition against Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.



Australian Short Course Swimming

Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show 8 to 23 September, Ravensthorpe

Now in its 30th year, the two-week Ravensthorpe Wildflower Show is widely recognised as one of Australia's best displays of stunning native flora. This annual event features exhibitions, tours and workshops, showcasing a vivid blanket of wildflowers that brings the region to life each spring.



Australasian Safari

Australian Short Course Swimming 12 to 16 September, Challenge Stadium, Perth

Many of the nation's best swimmers will compete in the 2012 Australian Short Course Championships set for Perth's Challenge Stadium. The Championships are a qualifying event for the FINA World Short Course Championships and a highlight of the national swimming event calendar showcasing the nation's top talent.

Cable Beach Invitational 21 to 23 September (tbc), Broome

With tip-off only metres from the shoreline, the Cable Beach Invitational will see world-class basketball played overlooking Broome's iconic Cable Beach. The open-air, beach-side court gives spectators the chance to see some of Asia Pacific's best players under the Kimberley stars. A world-first for Western Australia, the Invitational is a must for sport lovers.

Australasian Safari 21 to 29 September, Western Australia's Outback

The toughest endurance motorsport event in the Asia Pacific Region, the Australasian Safari is Australia's ultimate off-road adventure. Competitors on two and four wheels tackle the remote, rugged and stunning terrain of Western Australia in one of the most prestigious multi-day endurance rally racing events in the world.



Hidden Treasures Great Southern Bloom Festival

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21 September to 21 October, Great Southern

Celebrating everything that blossoms in spring, the Hidden Treasures Great Southern Bloom Festival features more than 30 regional events across eight local shires. Enjoy wildflower and agricultural shows, heritage tours, long table lunches, open gardens, bush poets, celebrity guests, art displays, a photography competition and much more.

OCTOBER

The Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival 13 October, Dardanup

The 10th annual Dardanup Bull and Barrel Festival features many events including the Dardanup Gift sprint races, art exhibitions, cooking demonstrations, vintage machinery, engines and car displays, animal viewing, children activities, gourmet food and wine stalls. The evening showcases local artists and musicians, culminating with the lighting of the fire sculpture.

Perth International 18 to 21 October, Lake Karrinyup Country Club, Perth

The Perth International will be a new addition to the international golf calendar from 2012. The tournament is a partnership between global sports, entertainment and media company IMG and Tourism Western Australia to deliver a world class sporting event in Perth. The Perth International will be co-sanctioned by the PGA Tour of Australasia and the European Tour with leading international golfers vying for prize money of US\$2 million, currently Australia's richest annual golf tournament.

Monaro Nationals 18 to 22 October, Busselton, Dunsborough and Margaret River

In 2012 the Monaro Nationals will head west and be proudly hosted by the Monaro Car Club of Western Australia. The Monaro Nationals were established to celebrate the "Monaro" which is one of Australia's iconic "Sports Machines" and Australia's first ever specially built performance car. The event will allow visitors to see hundreds of this iconic, well loved and well known brand on display.

Bunbury Dolphin City Festival 19 to 21 October, Bunbury

The festival will officially open the local dolphin tourism season and includes a welcome event, street parade, boat tours, markets, family concert, marine education program and kids entertainment. Held at the Dolphin Discovery Centre, facing the iconic Koombana Bay, where over 100 Bottlenose Dolphins live and regularly visit the shallow waters.

Cape to Cape MTB 25 to 28 October, Augusta to Dunsborough

The Cape to Cape MTB is a four-day mountain bike race through the South West region of Western Australia. Set to an iconic backdrop of world-famous surf beaches, private farmlands, rocky outcrops and national forests, the event is fun and challenging for riders of all levels, from recreational to competitive.

NOVEMBER

Anaconda Adventure Race 3 to 4 November, Augusta

A spectacular off-road event in a truly wild part of the world. Competitors in this event, recognised as the world's biggest adventure race, will follow a varied course in and around Augusta. Market stalls, food, entertainment, live music and plenty more are all part of the fun on the scenic Augusta foreshore.

Blues at Bridgetown 9 to 11 November, Bridgetown

Since 1993 an international celebration of Blues music, has been held over three days in the beautiful and idyllic town of Bridgetown. The Festival takes place in venues throughout Bridgetown and also features a street party with staged entertainment, roving performances and food stalls.

Moora Cup Races 10 November, Moora

The Moora Race Club holds a once a year horse racing event featuring the Moora Cup. The race day is a great day out for the whole family with activities for children, fashion in the fields and entertainment continuing after the last race.

Beverley Harvest Festival 25 November, Beverley

This celebration of agriculture gives visitors an opportunity to see harvesting in action, experience rural activities and enjoy some country hospitality. Enjoy the full country experience with harvesting demonstrations using Clydesdale horses and vintage machinery, working sheep dogs, farriers, blacksmiths, sheep shearing demonstrations, petting zoo, live music, vintage car displays and local produce and craft stalls.

DECEMBER

FINA World Junior Men's and Junior Women's Water Polo Championships U18 1 to 9 December, Challenge Stadium, Perth

This event is the premier under 18 water polo competition in the world. The nine-day tournament will see men and women play for gold in the same city for the first time at this level. Watch this highly skilled, super tough sport with up to 16 games scheduled per day at Perth's Challenge Stadium.

Ironman Western Australia Triathlon 9 December, Busselton

Discover the world of exciting elite iron men and women in Western Australia's seaside resort town of Busselton. The Ironman Western Australia Triathlon will see competitors swim, ride and run a grueling 226 kilometre course while spectators experience the athleticism of a world-class sporting event.

Red Bull Lighthouse to Leighton

15 December, Rottnest Island to Leighton Beach, Fremantle

At 19 kilometres, the Red Bull Lighthouse to Leighton kite surfing race is the longest in the world. Starting at Phillip Point on Rottnest Island, kite surfers speed across the Indian Ocean through the Gage Roads channel and finish at Leighton Beach in North Fremantle.



Perth International



Bunbury Dolphin City Festival



Cape to Cape MTB



Anaconda Adventure Race



Blues at Bridgetown



FINA World Junior Men's and Junior Women's Water Polo Championships



Red Bull Lighthouse to Leighton



YouYi



Fremantle Street Arts Festival



GameX



Nanup Festival



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Track Cycling Grand Prix



Mowanjum Festival



Telstra Drug Aware Pro Margaret River



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