WHAT'S ON? LOTS ON in WA

EVENTS CALENDAR 2017

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA
EXPERIENCE EXTRAORDINARY
Tourism Western Australia (Tourism WA) supports a range of events across the State through three key funding pools – Major Events Funding, the Regional Events Program and the Regional Events Scheme. This calendar also features some events that are not funded by Tourism WA.

**Major Events Funding**
Organisations are required to submit a formal proposal submission. Tourism WA assesses and undertakes due diligence on each event submission to determine whether it fits the major event funding criteria, annual budgets and Tourism WA’s overarching strategy.

**Regional Events Program**
Funded by Royalties for Regions, this program supports medium to large regional events across the State offering funding of more than $50,000. The program aims to attract and develop major events that will generate significant benefits for regional communities.

**Regional Events Scheme**
Funded by Royalties for Regions, the program is an annual funding round for smaller, developing regional events across the State, offering funding between $5,000 and $50,000.

**Non-Tourism WA funded events**
Events that continue to take place each year but are not funded through Tourism WA.

For more information visit [tourism.wa.gov.au](http://tourism.wa.gov.au)
More than 130 events are listed in this calendar showcasing the wide range of events on offer throughout the year in Western Australia.

They cater to diverse interests and passions, and include top sporting events like the Mastercard Hopman Cup, where some of the world’s best play for their nation – to the Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster, a 13-day celebration of the incredible culture and unique landscape of the East Kimberley region.

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Find more about events funding opportunities on our corporate website at tourism.wa.gov.au

Further details about events are on our consumer website at westernaustralia.com/events
MASTERCARD HOPMAN CUP
1-7 January  Perth
Perth’s premier tennis tournament showcases top international talent at the state-of-the-art Perth Arena.

FALLS DOWNTOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL
7-8 January  Fremantle
The festival is set to bring an impressive line-up of Australian and international artists to the streets of Fremantle.
**LEEUWIN CONCERT SERIES**
**SUMMERTIME**
7 January & 18 February
Margaret River
Each year Leeuwin Estate stages a series of spectacular outdoor concerts in the picturesque grounds of the estate as part of the winery’s ongoing association and sponsorship of the arts.

**LANCELIN OCEAN CLASSIC**
12-15 January  Lancelin
The longest running windsurfing event in Australia, attracting world-class competitors.

**VICTORIA BITTER ONE DAY INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA V PAKISTAN**
19 January  Perth
The series will be the first time Australia has faced Pakistan in the one-day format since Australia’s victory over the nation in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2015 quarter final, with the young and talented Pakistan side certain to be campaigning for revenge.

**FRINGE WORLD FESTIVAL**
20 January - 19 February  Perth
Fringe World Festival plays host to over 700 events at 159 venues and performance spaces with events including circus, theatre, visual arts, music, dance and cabaret.

**MOUNT BARKER CO-OPERATIVE GRAPES AND GALLOPS FESTIVAL**
22 January  Mount Barker
Features the Great Southern’s richest race, the $100,000 Mungrup Stud Sprint.

**CITY OF PERTH AUSTRALIA DAY SKYWORKS**
26 January  Perth
The country’s largest community celebration of our national day.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CIRCUS FESTIVAL**
27-29 January  Karridale
Features local, national and international contemporary circus performers.
PERTH INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL
10 February - 5 March
Perth
Cutting-edge performances with some of the world’s best theatre, music, film, visual arts, literature and a range of free community events.

SOUTH WEST CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL
11 February  Busselton
This year’s festival will showcase more than 80 local brews from up to 27 breweries located between Mandurah and Denmark as well as local gourmet food and live acts.

SUNSMART BUSSELTON JETTY SWIM
11-12 February  Busselton
A mass participation open water swim around the iconic Busselton Jetty.
ENCHANTED GARDEN FESTIVAL
19-21 February Manjimup
A three-day camping, arts and music festival.

KARMA RESORTS ROTTNEST CHANNEL SWIM
25 February Perth to Rottnest
Highly regarded as one of Western Australia’s iconic events, the Karma Resorts Rottnest Channel Swim is a 19.7km open water swim from Cottesloe Beach to Rottnest Island.

BOYUP BROOK COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL
16-19 February Boyup Brook
One of Western Australia’s most popular music and camping festivals. A family-friendly celebration of country music, in a relaxed and natural bushland setting.

ISPS HANDA WORLD SUPER 6 PERTH
16-19 February
The World Super 6 Perth is a world-first format for international golf and combines 54 holes of traditional stroke play with an exciting knockout format on the last day. The final 24 players will battle it out over six-hole matches, with any ties decided by playing the “Knockout Hole”.

CLUB MARINE GEOGRAPHE BAY RACE WEEK
11-17 February Busselton
Western Australia’s premier yachting regatta.
GREAT SOUTHERN SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL
1-31 March Great Southern
The festival shares local wisdom, gives voice to important issues, and demonstrates the Great Southern’s creative, innovative and diverse approach toward a bright sustainable future.

NANNUP MUSIC FESTIVAL
3-6 March Nannup
This long weekend festival showcases and supports the best local, national and international musical talent.
SCULPTURE BY THE SEA, COTTESLOE
3-20 March  Cottesloe
Cottesloe Beach transforms into a spectacular sculpture park displaying works by more than 70 artists from Australia and around the world.

PORONGURUP WINE FESTIVAL
5 March  Porongurup
The Porongurup Wine Festival showcases 10 of the distinct Porongurup wine labels. The family-friendly festival involves music, food, craft, children’s activities, wine tastings, a ‘Great Grape Stomp’ competition and a ‘One Wok Wonder’ cook-off challenge.

GAMEX FISHING TOURNAMENT
17-25 March  Exmouth
Recognised as Western Australia’s premier game fishing tournament, GAMEX offers anglers a chance to compete in a variety of categories.

CHANNEL SEVEN MANDURAH CRAB FEST
18-19 March  Mandurah
A community extravaganza that celebrates Mandurah’s vibrant coastal lifestyle.

LIVELIGHTER HARVEY HARVEST FESTIVAL
19 March  Harvey
Experience the atmosphere of Italy in the picturesque gardens of Snell Park in Harvey, the festival offers a feast for the senses with arts, culture, food, wine and markets.

TASTE GREAT SOUTHERN
23 March - 9 April  Great Southern
A celebration of the unique and award-winning food and wine of the Great Southern.

X-ADVENTURE
25-26 March  Dunsborough
The fifth edition of Australia’s largest annual off-road triathlon, through the pristine wilderness of Dunsborough.
MARCH

EAT DRINK PERTH
16 March – 23 April  Perth
With more than 90 events, Eat Drink Perth will entice you to try new and old favourites, with everything from markets to masterclasses, long table dinners to dessert degustation, food trucks to walking tours, to picnics and pop-ups.

KARRI VALLEY TRIATHLON
18-19 March  Pemberton
Competitive triathlon throughout the picturesque South West region of Western Australia.

DRUG AWARE MARGARET RIVER PRO
March 29 - April 9 
Margaret River
The world’s top 36 male and top 18 female surfers compete in this World Championship Tour surfing event.

EMERGENCE CREATIVE FESTIVAL
29 March - 1 April 
Margaret River
Professionals from music, film, advertising, digital and the visual arts share recent developments in their disciplines as well as emerging trends in a series of workshops and talks.
MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW

March – April
Various locations

For three months of touring comedy madness, the Roadshow crew travels to more than 80 regional destinations, bringing laughs to all corners of Australia.
APRIL

NORTHAM MOTORSPORT FESTIVAL
1-2 April  Northam
This two-day classic motoring event attracts more than 100 cars to compete in up to 24 timed regularity heats.

KARIJINI EXPERIENCE
8-24 April  Karijini National Park, Tom Price, Paraburdo and Newman
Held on the Traditional Lands of the Banjima people, the event is a celebration of environmental protection, connection and culture. Including 40 events and activities across two weeks.

THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL TITLE FOR SUPER SEDANS
14-16 April  Albany
Drivers will be competing from all over Australia for the National Title for Super Sedans.

KICKSTARTERS GASCOYNE DASH
14-16 April 2017  Carnarvon
Featuring extreme off-road racing machines, the 400km event provides a challenge for even the toughest competitors.
FREMANTLE STREET ARTS FESTIVAL
14 - 17 April  Fremantle
Australia’s largest street festival with busking, street theatre, comedy, circus and cabaret.

MAKE SMOKING HISTORY FOREST RALLY
21-23 April  Busselton to Nannup
Western Australia’s round of the Australian Rally Championship.

UNEARTHED PEMBERTON FESTIVAL
21-30 April  Pemberton
A festival which aims to showcase the region and provide visitors with the unique opportunity to meet, and interact with, local producers as they work.

MARGARET RIVER REGION OPEN STUDIOS
22 April - 7 May  Margaret River
The biggest art event in Western Australia, offering art lovers a vibrant feast of the visual arts scene in the Margaret River Region.

YORK MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL
23 April  York
Motorbike display combined with fun family activities, stunt shows and live music.

GOLDFIELDS KIDSFEST
23-24 April  Kalgoorlie
Free two-day festival targeted at children up to 12 years of age, held in the first week of the April school holidays. Offering activities including science, art, music, cooking and sport presented through stage shows, hands-on workshops and interactive games.
MAY

**SUNSMART BUSSELTON FESTIVAL OF TRIATHLON** 📍
5-7 May  Busselton
A three-day family friendly festival incorporating an open water swim, fun run, kids triathlon, expo and culminates with the Ironman 70.3 Busselton.

**VIRGIN AUSTRALIA SUPERCARS PERTH SUPERSPRINT** 📍
5-7 May  Perth
The Perth round of the Supercars Championship held at Barbagallo Raceway.
CARNARVON
TROPICOOL FESTIVAL
5-7 May Carnarvon
Three-day free community event which features a rich program of the best music acts, markets, great food and awesome entertainment.

THE FIRST NATIONAL LAKE ARGYLE SWIM
6 May Kununurra
The Lake Argyle Swim is a 10km and 20km open water swim which offers solo, duo and teams of four categories. The event takes place in the East Kimberley in the fresh water lake, Lake Argyle.

VANCOUVER STREET FESTIVAL
6 May Albany
The large-scale street festival is held in conjunction with the Western Australian Heritage Festival.

TOODYAY MOONDYNE FESTIVAL
7 May Toodyay
This colonial heritage festival celebrates the 1800s pioneer bushranger Moondyne Joe.

SHARK BAY FISHING FIESTA
12-19 May Shark Bay
One of the biggest community events held in the World Heritage Area of Shark Bay.

TX CIVIL & LOGISTICS WA PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
15-21 May Kalgoorlie
Set in Western Australia’s iconic gold mining town, it’s a week-long golf tournament on the PGA Tour of Australasia.
QUIT TARGA SOUTH WEST
19-21 May
Manjimup, Pemberton
The two-day event sees more than 50 cars ranging from old classics to modern turbocharged 4-wheel drives battle not only the clock, but mother nature in a test for endurance.

ARGYLE DIAMONDS ORD VALLEY MUSTER
19-28 May  Kununurra
A celebration of all that is unique about the East Kimberley region, including its cultural diversity, incredible landscapes and local charm.
THE GIBB CHALLENGE  
21-25 May  Kununurra  
A socially competitive, 700 km team relay event raising community awareness and money for charity.

PERTH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL  
26-28 May  Perth  
Presenting more than 50 incredible jazz performances in numerous venues across the city, the three-day festival will feature a blend of ticketed and free community events.

NINGALOO WHALESHARK FESTIVAL  
May  Exmouth  
The festival marks the beginning of the whale shark season, welcoming these gentle giants to Exmouth’s pristine waters.
THE ALBANY CLASSIC MOTOR EVENT
2-4 June  Albany
The spectacle of historic motor sport presents a wide variety of cars from vintage wire wheels, post-vintage and classic as well as open wheel racers and big cube muscle cars.

JAZZ BY THE BAY
2-5 June  Dunsborough
A celebration of jazz, featuring entertainers fresh from the Perth International Jazz Festival.
DENMARK FESTIVAL OF VOICE
2-5 June  Denmark
Celebrating the human voice, this festival features free community concerts and workshops. It brings together local, national and international artists performing a cappella, accompanied by choirs, ensembles and groups.

BROOME RACING SEASON
3 June-19 August  Broome
Set amongst large shady trees, only a short distance from the famous Cable Beach, the Broome racing season features competitive thoroughbred horse racing and thrilling entertainment to ensure a fun day for all.

PINJARRA FESTIVAL
3-4 June  Pinjarra
A line-up of live entertainment, children’s activities and market stalls.

GOLDFIELDS CYCLASSIC & COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
3-4 June  Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Menzies and Leonora
A two-stage handicap race across the rich and historic landscape of the Western Australian outback from Kalgoorlie-Boulder to Menzies and on to Leonora. Held over the WA Day long weekend, the two-stage event is a great opportunity for both the professional and amateur rider.

MULLEWA MUSTER & RODEO
3-4 June  Mullewa
The event is a ‘full points and prize money’ Australian Bushmen’s Campdraft and Rodeo Association rodeo. It features a beaut ute competition, barrel race, equestrian vaulting show and a country music concert in the evening.
JUNE\JULY

TRUFFLE KERFUZZLE
LEONORA GOLDEN GIFT  3-5 June  Leonora  
The small outback town of Leonora will host Australia’s richest 1,600 metre foot race, the ‘Elite Mile,’ which attracts local, national and international competitors.

WA DAY FESTIVAL  5 June  Perth  
The WA Day Festival is a proud occasion for all West Australians to come together with activities for the whole family to celebrate our people, lifestyle and culture.

TRUFFLE KERFUFFLE  23-25 June  Manjimup  
A celebration of Manjimup’s famous black truffles and local produce.

CITY OF PERTH WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL  6 June – August  Perth  
From June to August, the City of Perth Winter Arts Festival hosts exciting arts and cultural experiences to suit all tastes, spanning theatre, music, comedy, cabaret, dance, film, literature, family entertainment and visual arts.

A TASTE OF BROOME  July-September  Broome  
A festival that celebrates the Indigenous soul of Broome’s multicultural community.
AVON DESCENT
5-6 August Northam to Perth
Competitors from across Australia and the world tackle the white water rapids of the Avon and Swan rivers.

NANNUP FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL
17-20 August Nannup
A four day event that features stunning floral displays as well as children’s activities, market stalls and choir performances.

CINEFÉSTOZ FILM FESTIVAL
23-27 August Busselton
The festival showcases the best of Australian and French films over five days, drawing a diverse audience and attracting filmmakers and actors from around Australia.

GASCOYNE FOOD FESTIVAL
10-12 August Carnarvon
A celebration of the great produce grown in the region, the festival includes a series of networking events for local producers and food industry representatives.
**SEPTEMBER**

**KINGS PARK FESTIVAL**
1-30 September  Perth
A celebration of the world’s most stunning wildflowers in full bloom. The event will include live music, family activities, wildflower walks and art exhibitions.

**RED EARTH ARTS FESTIVAL**
15-24 September  Karratha
Red Earth Arts Festival showcases local arts and cultural groups alongside nationally recognised artists. It includes live music, hawker markets as well as dance, comedy, family entertainment and films.

**NORTHAM NATIONAL BALLOONING CHAMPIONSHIPS**
2-9 September  Northam
One of Australia’s premier hot air ballooning destinations, Northam, will once again attract national and international competitors to compete in the national championships.

**SOUTHERN ART & CRAFT TRAIL**
16 September-8 October  Great Southern
More than 275 Great Southern artists display artworks ranging from painting, sculpture, textiles, ceramics, printmaking, wood-work, jewellery and glass art.

**WILDFLOWER SHOW AND SPRING FESTIVAL**
12-23 September  Ravensthorpe
One of the best wildflower shows in the State - where you can see one of the biggest displays of different species of named wildflowers in the world.
SEPTEMBER

TELSTRA PERTH FASHION FESTIVAL
September Perth
Western Australia’s largest annual premier fashion event.

THE RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIPS
9 September Perth
The Wallabies are set to go head-to-head against South Africa’s Springboks at nib Stadium, with the game expecting to generate high interest from rugby fans.

SHINJU MATSURI FESTIVAL
September Broome
Japanese for ‘Festival of the Pearl’, the event celebrates the unique culture, history and diversity of Broome.

ACT BELONG COMMIT DWELLINGUP 100
September Dwellingup
Starting and finishing in Dwellingup, the event includes four event distances that cater for varying levels of fitness and ability.

ALBANY URBAN DOWNHILL
September Albany
A mountain bike festival with a professional and amateur program. The event also includes a range of activities including live music, food and games for kids.

HIDDEN TREASURES BLOOM FESTIVAL
September-October Great Southern
The event acts as a banner to advertise around 40 events held over five weekends across four weeks.
CAPE TO CAPE MTB
19-22 October
Augusta to Dunsborough
A fast-paced, four-day mountain bike race from Augusta to Dunsborough. The event is suitable for riders of all levels and provides a great way to explore the South West region.

Beverley Heroic
October  Beverley
A recreational bicycle event comprising of three parts celebrating the heritage of the area. The event is focused on the history of cycling and how it relates to the region.
AUGUSTA ADVENTURE FEST
4-5 November  Augusta
Recognised as the world’s biggest adventure race – a multi-race, multi-adventure weekend with something for everyone, taking place amidst the rugged landscapes of the South West.

MARGARET RIVER GOURMET ESCAPE PRESENTED BY AUDI
17-19 November  Margaret River Region
With a five-star line up of international and local chefs, foodies and wine critics, the festival offers an extensive program of world-class events showcasing Western Australia’s best wine and produce.

SWIM + RESORT SERIES
November  Fremantle
Showcasing the hottest swimwear and resort looks for 2017/18 Spring/Summer season against the gorgeous backdrop of Fremantle’s Bathers Beach.

JURIEN BAY INDIAN OCEAN FESTIVAL
November  Jurien Bay
Incorporating the blessing of the crayfishing fleet, the community event is a day packed full of entertainment for the whole family, including live music, amusement rides and local talent.
Blues at Bridgetown is a three-day, annual music festival showcasing blues and roots music. The event includes three ticketed venues over the weekend (Friday to Sunday) featuring 60 - 70 acts, as well as free attractions.
SUNSMART IRONMAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
3 December  Busselton
Competitors undertake a challenging 3.8km swim, 180km bike ride and a 42.2km run throughout the beautiful town of Busselton and surrounding region.

RED BULL LIGHTHOUSE TO LEIGHTON
December
Rottnest to Perth
The top kiteboarding race in the Southern Hemisphere, this event stretches 19km over the spectacular Indian Ocean.
KFC BIG BASH LEAGUE
December-January  Perth
Enjoy the fun and excitement of the KFC Big Bash League with International stars playing alongside Australia’s best home grown talent.

MANJIMUP CHERRY HARMONY FESTIVAL
December Manjimup
A celebration of the great local produce in Manjimup and surrounding areas, including the delicious locally grown cherries.

SAINT BARBARA’S FESTIVAL
December
Kalgoorlie-Boulder
A celebration of the contribution that mining, its supporting industries and community organisations make to Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Along with mining equipment, you can expect to see community organisations, schools, animals, prospectors and mine rescue demonstrations.
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ROTTNEST ISLAND, PERTH