WHAT'S on?
LOTS ON in WA

2019 EVENTS CALENDAR

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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 $40,000. 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 $40,000.

For more information visit tourism.wa.gov.au

FRONT COVER images  **TOP:** Boorna Waanginy photo by Jess Wyld  
**BOTTOM:** Busselton Festival of Triathlon  
BACK COVER images  **TOP LEFT:** SEPTEMBER Shinju Matsuri photo by Julia Rau  
**TOP RIGHT:** JANUARY Fringe World  
**BOTTOM:** JULY Mowanjum photo by Matt Scurfield
If you’ve got an adventurous palette, a thirst for live sport or have a craving for culture, Western Australia has you fixed to the fullest. With hundreds of events on offer, there is something to suit everyone.

2019 is set to deliver an epic line up of world class events including our first ever State of Origin match, an epic Manchester United vs Leeds United football match, the newly expanded Western Australia Gourmet Escape, a host of AFL matches, a scrumptious Truffle Kerfuffle and a magical Shinju Matsuri just to name a few.

Whether you’re a foodie, a music lover, a sports nut or a gallery connoisseur, our jam packed event calendar has something for you. Don’t just scratch the surface. There’s always an event-full trip waiting for you. It’s just another day in WA.

To find out more about events funding opportunities visit tourism.wa.gov.au

For more information about our calendar of world class events visit westernaustralia.com/events
JANUARY

HOPMAN CUP - PHOTO BY TRAVIS HAYTO
FIELD OF LIGHT: AVENUE OF HONOUR 📍
4 October 2018 – 28 April 2019  Albany
An immersive art installation by Bruce Munro illuminating the Avenue of Honour at Mount Clarence pays homage to the Anzacs who departed from Albany for the Great War.

MASTERCARD HOPMAN CUP 📍
29 December 2018 – 5 January Perth
Perth’s premier tennis tournament, showcasing top international talent at the state-of-the-art RAC Arena.

LANCELIN OCEAN CLASSIC 📍
5 – 13 January  Lancelin
Lancelin Ocean Classic Festival offers a variety of experiences and thrills. One of the best-known windsurfing and water sport races which attracts world-class competitors.

FRINGE WORLD FESTIVAL
18 January – 17 February  Perth
Fringe World Festival plays host to more than 700 events at over 150 venues and performance spaces, with events including circus, theatre, visual arts, music, dance and cabaret.

CITY OF PERTH AUSTRALIA DAY SKYWORKS
26 January  Perth
The country’s largest community celebration of our national day.
PERTH FESTIVAL
8 February – 3 March
Perth
Celebrate Perth’s unique lifestyle with a range of free community events and share extraordinary experiences with the best in international theatre, circus, music, dance, film, literature and the visual arts.

SUNSMART BUSSELTON JETTY SWIM
10 February   Busselton
A mass participation open water swim around the iconic Busselton Jetty.
ISPS HANDA WORLD SUPER SIX PERTH  📍
14 – 17 February  Perth
Featuring some of the world’s best golfers, the ISPS HANDA World Super Six Perth has a unique format, combining 54 holes of traditional stroke play with an exciting six-hole knockout on the final day.

BOYUP BROOK COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL  📍
15 – 17 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.

SOUTH WEST CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL  📍
16 February  Busselton
Showcases more than 120 craft beers from over 20 local brewers as well as local gourmet food and live acts.

ROTNTESN CHANNEL SWIM  📍
23 February  Perth to Rottnest
Highly regarded as one of Western Australia’s iconic events, the Rottnest Channel Swim is a 19.7km open water swim from Cottesloe Beach to Rottnest Island.
NANNUP MUSIC FESTIVAL
1 – 4 March  Nannup
Held on the banks of the beautiful Blackwood River, the Nannup Music Festival makes the streets come alive with local and international musical talent, stalls and activities.

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA, COTTESLOE
1 – 18 March  Cottesloe
Cottesloe Beach transforms into a spectacular sculpture park displaying works by more than 70 artists from Australia and around the world.

WESTRAC BUNBURY GEOGRAPHE GIFT
2 – 3 March  Bunbury
The WesTrac Bunbury Geographe Gift is set to bring some of the country’s fastest athletes to Bunbury over the long weekend.
PORONGURUP WINE FESTIVAL

3 March  Porongurup
A family-friendly festival which includes live music, food, craft, children’s activities and showcases 10 of the distinct Porongurup wine labels.

PORT TO PUB

16 March  Rottnest Island
The Hotel Rottnest Port to Pub swim is an open water swimming event in Perth, which caters to the increased demand for long distance swimming and the interest from local, interstate and international swimmers to cross the iconic Rottnest Channel.

CHANNEL 7 MANDURAH CRAB FEST

16 – 17 March  Mandurah
WA’s largest free community event celebrating the native blue manna crab and showcasing Mandurah’s lifestyle, location, culture and talent.
MARCH

**ACTION SPORTS GAMES** 16 – 17 March Bunbury
Action sports athletes compete in wakeboarding, freestyle motocross, skate, and BMX events.

**LIVELIGHTER HARVEY HARVEST FESTIVAL** 17 March Harvey
The festival offers a feast for the senses with arts, culture, food, wine and markets in the picturesque gardens of Snell Park.

**GRAPES AND GALLOPS FESTIVAL** 17 March Mount Barker
Features the richest sprint race in the Great Southern, the $100,000 Mungrup Stud Sprint.

**GAMEX** 22 – 30 March Exmouth
Recognised as WA’s premier fishing tournament, GAMEX offers anglers a chance to compete for a $120,000 prize pool across a range of categories.

**RAC KARRI VALLEY TRIATHLON** 23 – 24 March Karri Valley
Held at the picturesque Karri Valley Resort, this iconic long and short course event showcases the beauty of WA’s South West.
X-ADVENTURE
DUNSBOROUGH
30 – 31 March
Dunsborough
Australia’s largest off-road triathlon takes place in the pristine wilderness surrounding Dunsborough with a crystal clear water swim, stunning granite coastline run and wildflower hinterland mountain bike.
APRIL

IGA TASTE GREAT SOUTHERN 📍
4 – 8 April
Great Southern region
A celebration of the amazing food and wine of the Great Southern region.

MAKE SMOKING HISTORY FOREST RALLY 📍
5 – 7 April South West
WA’s round of the Australian Rally Championship.

NORTHAM MOTORSPORT FESTIVAL 📍
6 – 7 April Northam
This two-day classic motoring event attracts more than 100 cars to compete in up to 20 timed heats.

GOLDFIELDS KIDSFEST 📍
13 – 14 April Kalgoorlie
A free festival for children offering activities including science, art, music, cooking, sport, workshops and interactive games.
KARIJINI EXPERIENCE
17 – 21 April
Karijini National Park
Held on the traditional lands of the Banjima people, the event is a celebration of environmental protection, connection and culture.

KICKSTARTERS GASCOYNE DASH
18 – 21 April Carnarvon
Featuring extreme off-road racing machines, the 400km event provides a challenge for even the toughest competitors.
LIVELIGHTER DONNYBROOK 
APPLE FESTIVAL
20 – 21 April Donnybrook
Visit the apple capital of WA 
and join the family fun and entertainment.

AUSTRALIAN ORIENTEERING 
CHAMPIONSHIPS
26 – 27 April Narrogin
Part of a week-long carnival 
of orienteering, the event comprises the Sprint and Middle distance national championships.

YORK MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL
27 – 28 April York
Motorbike display combined 
with fun family activities, stunt shows and live music.

MARGARET RIVER REGION 
OPEN STUDIOS
27 April – 12 May
Margaret River Region
Offering art lovers the rare chance to visit private art studios and the chance to meet local artists and view their works in progress.
PIRTEK PERTH SUPERNIGHT
2 – 4 May  Perth
Perth SuperNight is the only flood-lit Supercars round on the 2019 Virgin Australia Supercars Championship calendar.

SUNSMART BUSSELTON FESTIVAL OF TRIATHLON
3 – 5 May  Busselton
A family-friendly festival featuring the Ironman 70.3 Busselton as well as an open water swim, fun run, kids triathlon and expo.

MARGARET RIVER READERS AND WRITERS FESTIVAL
3 – 5 May  Margaret River
Margaret River Readers and Writers Festival is a storytelling spectacular held on the picturesque grounds of Voyager Estate winery. Hear established and emerging storytellers share their ‘wild, weird and wonderful’ stories at this not-to-be missed event.
UNEARTHED PEMBERTON FESTIVAL
3 – 10 May Pemberton
A festival that showcases the region and provides visitors with the unique opportunity to interact with local producers as they work.

THE FIRST NATIONAL KIMBERLEY LAKE ARGYLE SWIM
4 May Kununurra
Set in the fresh water of Lake Argyle in the East Kimberley, this 10km and 20km open water swim offers solo, duo and teams of four categories.

ACT-BELONG-COMMIT MOONDYNE FESTIVAL
5 May Toodyay
This colonial heritage festival celebrates the 1800’s pioneer bushranger Moondyne Joe.

ARGYLE DIAMONDS ORD VALLEY MUSTER
17 – 26 May Kununurra
A bucket-list event celebrating all that is unique about the East Kimberley Region, including its cultural diversity, incredible landscapes, fresh local produce and local charm.

THE GIBB CHALLENGE
17 – 24 May Kimberley Region
Ride with a team in a socially competitive 660km relay through the unique Kimberley Region to raise community awareness for the Royal Flying Doctor Service and money for charity.
AIRNORTH CABLE BEACH POLO
18 – 19 May  Broome
The pristine sands of Broome’s iconic Cable Beach is the setting for Australia’s only multi-day beach polo tournament.

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS ROWING CHAMPIONSHIPS
22 – 25 May  Perth
Witness Australia’s best master’s rowers battle it out to become national champions at the Champion Lakes Regatta Centre.

NINGALOO WHALE SHARK FESTIVAL
24 – 27 May  Exmouth
The festival marks the beginning of the whale shark season, welcoming these gentle giants to Exmouth’s pristine waters.
MARGARET RIVER PRO
29 May – 9 June
Margaret River
The world’s top 34 male and top 17 female surfers will compete in some of the most challenging and powerful surf on the World Surf League Championship Tour.

JAZZ BY THE BAY
31 May – 3 June
Dunsborough
Delivering amazing jazz experiences with fine wine and food in iconic natural spaces and spectacular venues throughout Busselton, Dunsborough and Margaret River.

DENMARK FESTIVAL OF VOICE
31 May - 3 June
Denmark
Celebrating the human voice, the festival features community concerts and workshops. It brings together local, national and international artists performing acapella and accompanied by choirs, ensembles and groups.

WA DAY FESTIVAL
31 May - 3 June
Perth
The WA Day Festival is a proud occasion for all West Australians to come together to celebrate the people, lifestyle and culture with activities for the whole family.
MULLEWA MUSTER AND RODEO
1 June Mullewa
The Mid West’s premier rodeo event featuring beaut-ute and whip cracking competitions, country music concert and entertainment.

ALBANY CLASSIC MOTOR EVENT
1 – 2 June Albany
Featuring a temporary race circuit constructed in the Albany CBD with vintage and classic cars competing.

GOLDFIELDS CYCLASSIC AND COMMUNITY CHALLENGE
1 – 2 June Kalgoorlie-Boulder, Menzies and Leonora
A two stage handicap race suitable for professional and amateur riders across the Western Australian outback from Kalgoorlie-Boulder to Menzies and on to Leonora.
TRUFFLE KERFUZZLE
TBC June  Manjimup
A celebration of Manjimup’s famous black truffles and local produce.

PINJARRA FESTIVAL
1 – 2 June  Pinjarra
A line up of live entertainment, children’s performances, interactive activities and markets.

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

HOLDEN STATE OF ORIGIN GAME II
23 June  Perth
For the first time ever, the Holden State of Origin is coming to Perth in 2019. Be there to witness the spectacular tries of Australia’s greatest sporting rivalry as Rugby League’s biggest stars go head-to-head in Perth at Optus Stadium.
JULY

REVELATION PERTH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
4 – 17 July   Perth
Over 120 international films presented at cinemas, galleries, cafes and bars across Perth.

BROOME INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MARATHON
7 July   Broome
Race over 10.5km, half marathon or marathon distances on Broome’s iconic Cable Beach.

MOWANJUM FESTIVAL
12 July   Derby
Experience the vibrant living culture of the Ngarinyin, Worrorra and Wunambal peoples in a stunning display of dance complemented by demonstrations and workshops.

MANCHESTER UNITED IN PERTH
13 and 17 July   Perth
Manchester United is headed to Perth for an Australian Exclusive Tour. As part of its official tour, the full first team squad will travel to Perth for an action-packed week of events, including two matches at the new world-class Optus Stadium against local legends Perth Glory on Saturday 13 July and long-time rivals Leeds United on Wednesday 17 July.
AUGUST
GASCOYNE FOOD FESTIVAL  
August Carnarvon  
The ultimate winter getaway, promising incredible local produce served up by WA’s top chefs in some of the State’s most idyllic locations.

BLEDISLOE CUP  
10 August Perth  
The Bledisloe Cup heads West in 2019. Watch history in the making as our Qantas Wallabies face the All Blacks in Perth for the first time. Experience the ultimate Rugby rivalry live and the final send off before the Rugby World Cup.

NANNUP FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL  
15 – 18 August Nannup  
A four-day event that features stunning floral displays as well as children’s activities, market stalls and choir performances.

CINEFESTOZ  
28 August – 1 September Busselton  
A showcase of Australian and French film events played in the South West’s cinemas, wineries, small bars and galleries. A beacon for the Australian film industry, who join audiences to celebrate film, culture and place.
SHINJU MATSURI
7 – 15 September  Broome
Japanese for ‘Festival of the Pearl’, the event celebrates the unique culture, history and diversity of Broome and features events such as the Sunset Long Table Dinner on Cable Beach and the Floating Lantern Festival.

AUSTRALIAN MEN’S MASTERS HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS
27 September – 12 October  Bunbury and Busselton
The 2019 Australian Men’s Masters Hockey Championships to be held in Bunbury and Busselton is Hockey Australia’s largest participation event with 85 teams and 1,800 participants.
IGA PERTH ROYAL SHOW
28 September – 5 October
Perth
A Perth favourite for more than 100 years, the show features informational exhibits, agricultural competitions, animals, a fairground, rides, and showbags.

KINGS PARK FESTIVAL
September  Perth
Amazing spring displays of wildflowers and many free events including outdoor exhibitions, guided walks, art displays and family activities.
CAPE TO CAPE MTB 17 - 20 October South West
Cape to Cape hits the mountain bike trails of the Margaret River Region, in Australia’s largest and longest running four day mountain biking stage race. With around 200km of fun trails over four stages, this event caters to all levels of experience.
NOVEMBER

PERTH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
November  Perth
Over 40 incredible jazz performances will take place across various venues, featuring a blend of ticketed and free community events by a host of celebrated local, national and international jazz artists.

AUGUSTA ADVENTURE FEST
2 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.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA GOURMET ESCAPE
8 – 17 November Swan Valley, Perth and Margaret River
10 days of extraordinary events taking place across the Swan Valley, Perth and Margaret River showcasing Western Australia’s premium produce and wine, with celebrated international and Australian culinary talent.

TABTOUCH MASTERS RAILWAY STAKES AND WINTERBOTTOM STAKES
23 and 30 November Perth
The Ascot Summer Racing Carnival’s finest returns this November with the 2019 TABtouch Masters Railway Stakes and Winterbottom Stakes.
IRONMAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA - PHOTO BY DELL CARR

IRONMAN WA AND IRONMAN WA 70.3
1 – 2 December Busselton
Competitors undertake a challenging swim, bike ride and run throughout the beautiful town of Busselton and surrounding region.

TABTOUCH MASTERS KINGSTON TOWN CLASSIC
7 December Perth
The Ascot Summer Racing Carnival’s finest returns this December with the 2019 TABtouch Masters Kingston Town Classic - the TABtouch Masters is the world’s only single-track event featuring a Group One race worth $1,000,000 across three consecutive Saturdays.

RAC CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
December Perth
Experience the magic, colour and spectacle of your favourite floats as the Christmas Pageant returns for its 48th year, bringing Christmas magic to the streets of Perth.

SUMMER OF CRICKET 2019
Perth
Don’t miss the 2019/2020 Summer of Cricket at Optus Stadium. including all three formats. Watch Australia take on the world’s the best cricket nations, and experience three hours of non-stop cricket action, fireworks, music and entertainment at the Perth Scorchers matches.
Come and VISIT Australia’s favourite STADIUM

Eminem Rapture Tour  |  27 February
2019 Toyota AFL Premiership Season  |  24 March - August
Holden State of Origin Game II  |  23 June
Manchester United vs Perth Glory  |  13 July
Manchester United vs Leeds United  |  17 July
Bledisloe Cup  |  10 August
Summer of Cricket  |  2019/2020
Plus, with so many new hotels, bars and restaurants along with stunning parks, beaches and wildlife, you’ll be surprised how much you can pack into a visit to Perth. Get your tickets and find more events at optusstadium.com.au

For an amazing fan first experience and world-class events.
OUR TOP PICKS

• Visit the **Swan Valley** – WA’s oldest wine region, located a 25-minute drive from Perth city. There’s more than 150 attractions ranging from wineries to providores to breweries, with Chenin Blanc, Verdelho, Shiraz and fortifeds among the speciality premium wines produced.

• **Kings Park and Botanic Garden**, located on the CBD’s doorstep, is the spot for picturesque views over the city and the Swan River. At 400 hectares, it is one of the largest inner city parks in the world and larger than New York’s Central Park.

• The city’s newest public precinct, **Yagan Square**, is a hub of activity day and night with bars, events, a spectacular lighting installation and large screen; plus a market hall with more than 20 different eateries to tempt your tastebuds.

• No visit to Perth is complete without spending time in the eclectic port city of **Fremantle**. A short drive, train ride or river cruise from the CBD, ‘Freo’ as it’s known to locals, is the perfect blend of old and new with museums, pubs, cool cafes and markets.

• Make your way to one of the **19 pristine metropolitan beaches** lining Perth’s coastline and find your own slice of white sand to relax and enjoy one of WA’s iconic Indian Ocean sunsets. Surfers head to Scarborough and Trigg, while swimmers and stand-up paddle boarders cool off at Cottesloe, or Mettam’s Pool.

• Perth’s idyllic island playground, **Rottnest Island**, can be reached in just a short 30-minute ferry ride from the mainland. On its shores, 63 stunning beaches, 20 beautiful bays and many coral reefs and wrecks invite you to enjoy some of Australia’s finest swimming spots, snorkel trails and surf breaks. It’s also here you’ll find the world’s happiest animal, the famous quokka.
The locals guide on where to eat, drink and play whilst you are in Perth

Australia’s sunniest capital city, Perth, effortlessly blends urban cool with raw natural beauty. Its heart is bustling with new bars, hotels, restaurants, shopping and cultural spaces, with a range of natural attractions located within 30 minutes of the city centre.
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