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EVENTS CALENDAR 2018

#justANOTHERDAY inWA 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.

For more information visit [tourism.wa.gov.au](http://tourism.wa.gov.au)
More than 90 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 which attracts some of the world’s best tennis players, to cultural events such as the Argyle Diamonds Ord Valley Muster which celebrates the incredible culture and unique landscape of the East Kimberley region.

2018 will see the exciting opening of Optus Stadium, a 60,000 seat world-class, multi-purpose venue. It will host a variety of sports and entertainment events including Australian Football League, NRL opening round Double Header match, Gillette One Day International cricket match Australia v England, Big Bash League, an International friendly soccer match which will see local club Perth Glory take on the world’s best Chelsea Football Club, Nitro Circus and concerts from renowned artists such as Ed Sheeran and Taylor Swift.

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Further details about events are on our consumer website at westernaustralia.com/events
JANUARY

**MASTERCARD HOPMAN CUP**

30 December – 6 January
Perth
Perth’s premier tennis tournament, showcasing top international talent at the state-of-the-art Perth Arena.

**FALLS DOWNTOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL**

6 – 7 January  Fremantle
The festival is set to bring an impressive line-up of Australian and international artists to the streets of Fremantle.
WORLD UNDER 24 ULTIMATE CHAMPIONSHIPS
7 – 13 January  Perth
Hundreds of the world’s best Ultimate Frisbee players will be in Perth in the new year to take part in the World Under 24 Ultimate Championships.

LANCELIN OCEAN CLASSIC
11 – 14 January  Lancelin
One of the best-known windsurfing and water sport races attracting world-class competitors.

MOUNT BARKER CO-OPERATIVE LTD GRAPES AND GALLOPS FESTIVAL
21 January  Mount Barker
Features the richest sprint race in the Great Southern region, 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
26 – 28 January  Karridale
Featuring performers from Australia and Europe performing high levels of contemporary circus.

FRINGE WORLD
26 January – 25 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.

GILLETTE ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA V ENGLAND
28 January  Perth
Watch Australia take on their oldest rival, England, in the Gillette ODI Series. This contest is one not to be missed and is the first sporting event in Perth Stadium.
FEBRUARY

**ISPS HANDA WORLD SUPER SIX PERTH**
8 – 11 February  Perth
Featuring some of the world’s best golfers, including former World #1 Lee Westwood and exciting young Englishman Tyrrell Hatton the World Super 6 Perth is a unique format, combining 54 holes of traditional stroke play with an exciting six-hole knockout format on the final day.

**PERTH FESTIVAL**
9 February – 4 March  Perth
Cutting-edge performances from some of the world’s best theatre, music, film, visual arts, literature and a range of free community events.
GEOGRAPHE BAY RACE WEEK
18 – 23 February  Busselton
Western Australia’s premier yachting regatta.

ROTTNEST CHANNEL SWIM
24 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.

SUNSMART BUSSELTON JETTY SWIM
10 – 11 February  Busselton
A mass participation open water swim around the iconic Busselton Jetty.

UFC
11 February  Perth
Western Australia will get its first taste of the fastest growing sport in the world by hosting UFC 221 at Perth Arena. This mixed martial arts event will feature a World Title Fight as well as more than six hours of entertainment with a full card of fights.

BOYUP BROOK COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL
15 – 18 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.
NANNUP MUSIC FESTIVAL
2 – 5 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
2 – 19 March  Perth
Cottesloe Beach transforms into a spectacular sculpture park displaying works by more than 70 artists from Australia and around the world.
SOUTH WEST CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL
3 March  Busselton
Showcasing more than 80 local brews from 27 breweries located between Mandurah and Denmark, as well as local gourmet food and live acts.

ACTION SPORTS GAMES BUNBURY
3 – 4 March  Bunbury
Action sports athletes compete in wake boarding, freestyle moto cross, skate, scooter and BMX.

PORONGURUP WINE FESTIVAL
4 March  Porongurup
A family-friendly festival involving live music, food, craft, children’s activities and showcasing 10 of the distinct Porongurup wine labels.

IGA TASTE GREAT SOUTHERN
8 – 25 March
Great Southern
A celebration of the unique and award-winning food and wine of the Great Southern region.

NRL DOUBLE HEADER
10 March  Perth
The opening round of the 2018 NRL Telstra Premiership season kicks off at the Optus Stadium with a historic double header featuring South Sydney Rabbitohs v NZ Warriors and Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs v Melbourne Storm.

GAMEX
16 – 24 March  Exmouth
Recognised as Western Australia’s premier game fishing tournament, GAMEX offers anglers a chance to compete in a variety of categories.

KARRI VALLEY TRIATHLON
17 – 18 March  Pemberton
Held at the picturesque Karri Valley Resort, this iconic long and short course event showcases the beauty of WA’s South West.
EMERGENCE CREATIVE PHOTO BY RUSSELL ORD ELEMENTS MARGARET RIVER

MARCH

EMERGENCE CREATIVE FESTIVAL
21 – 24 March  Margaret River, Busselton
A festival and conference showcasing the region’s best talents from art, design, animation, film and music.

CHANNEL 7 MANDURAH CRAB FEST
17 – 18 March  Mandurah
A community extravaganza that celebrates Mandurah’s vibrant coastal lifestyle.

LIVELIGHTER HARVEY HARVEST FESTIVAL
18 March  Harvey
The festival offers a feast for the senses with arts, culture, food, wine and markets in a picturesque garden setting.

BMX AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
19 – 24 March  Bunbury
Witness Australia’s elite BMX riders battle it out for national titles, including Bunbury dual-Olympian Lauren Reynolds.

LEEUWIN CONCERT
24 March  Margaret River
Iconic singer-songwriter Jackson Browne will headline the 34th annual Leeuwin Concert.

KICKSTARTERS GASCOYNE DASH
29 March – 1 April  Carnarvon
Extreme buggies, 4WDs, bikes and quads compete in this iconic off-road racing event on outback tracks and trails.
FREMANTLE STREET ARTS FESTIVAL
29 March – 2 April
Fremantle
The historic streets of Fremantle burst to life as performers transform the city into a world stage every Easter.

FESTIVAL OF THE SEA
31 March  Albany
Celebrating Albany’s proud maritime history, highlighting fresh fish, produce and wines alongside family activities and entertainment.

EAT DRINK PERTH
March – April  Perth
Eat Drink Perth will entice you to try new and old favourites, with everything from markets to master classes, long table dinners, dessert degustation, food trucks, walking tours, picnics and pop-ups.
NORTHAM MOTORSPORT FESTIVAL
7 – 8 April Northam
This two-day classic motoring event attracts more than 100 cars to compete in up to 20 timed heats.

GOLDFIELDS KIDSFEST
7 – 8 April Kalgoorlie
A free festival for children offering activities including science, art, music, cooking, sport, workshops and interactive games.

MARGARET RIVER PRO
11 – 22 April Margaret River
The world’s top 34 male and top 17 female surfers compete in some of the most challenging and powerful surf on the World Surf League Championship Tour.

AUSTRALIAN SURF LIFE SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
14 – 22 April 2017
Scarborough
Members from Australia’s 313 Surf Clubs are returning to Scarborough beach to compete for national titles at the ‘Aussies’ 2018.
YORK MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL
15 April  York
A motorbike festival combined with fun family activities, stunt shows and live music.

KARIJINI EXPERIENCE
17 – 22 April
Karijini National Park
Held on the traditional lands of the Banjima people, the event is a celebration of environmental protection, connection and culture.

X-ADVENTURE DUNSBOROUGH
21 – 22 April  Dunsborough
An annual off-road triathlon through the pristine wilderness of Dunsborough.

UNEARTHED PEMBERTON FESTIVAL
26 April – 6 May  Pemberton
A festival that showcases the region and provides visitors with the unique opportunity to interact with local producers as they work.

MAKE SMOKING HISTORY FOREST RALLY
27 – 29 April  Busselton, Nannup
Western Australia’s round of the Australian Rally Championship.
SUNSMART BUSSELTON FESTIVAL OF TRIATHLON
4 – 6 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.

PERTH SUPERSPRINT
4 – 6 May  Perth
The Perth round of the Supercars Championship held at Barbagallo Raceway.
LAKE ARGYLE SWIM  
5 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.

TOODYAY MOONDBYNE FESTIVAL  
6 May  Toodyay  
This colonial heritage festival celebrates the 1800’s pioneer bushranger Moondyne Joe.

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WA PGA CHAMPIONSHIP  
7 – 13 May  Kalgoorlie  
Set in Western Australia’s iconic mining town, the 72-hole tournament forms part of the PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit.

ORD VALLEY MUSTER  
11 – 20 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
11 – 18 May
Kimberley region
Ride with a team in a
socially competitive 660km
relay through the unique
Kimberley region to raise
community awareness and
money for charity.
NINGALOO WHALESHARK FESTIVAL
25 – 27 May  Exmouth
The festival marks the beginning of the whale shark season, welcoming these gentle giants to Exmouth’s pristine waters.

AIRNORTH CABLE BEACH POLO 2018
26 – 27 May  Broome
A multi-day beach polo tournament on the iconic Cable Beach in Broome.

PERTH INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
May  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.
JUNE

ALBANY CLASSIC MOTOR EVENT
1 – 3 June  Albany
Featuring a temporary race circuit constructed in the Albany CBD with vintage and classic cars competing.

MARGARET RIVER READERS & WRITERS FESTIVAL
1 – 3 June  Margaret River
WA’s largest regional literature event attracting poets, authors, playwrights, journalists, comedians, illustrators, magazine editors, screen writers and radio hosts.

WA DAY FESTIVAL
1 – 4 June
Perth and various regional locations
The WA Day Festival is a proud occasion for all West Australians to come together to celebrate our people, lifestyle and culture with activities for the whole family.

DENMARK FESTIVAL OF VOICE
1 – 4 June  Denmark
Celebrating the human voice, the festival features community concerts and workshops. Bringing together local, national and international artists performing acapella and accompanied by choirs, ensembles and groups.
JAZZ BY THE BAY
1 – 4 June  Dunsborough
A celebration of Jazz
featuring entertainers fresh
from the Perth International
Jazz Festival.

MULLEWA MUSTER &
RODEO 2018
2 June  Mullewa
The Mid West’s premier
rodeo event featuring the
beaut-ute competition,
whip cracking competition,
country music concert
and other entertainment.
JUNE/JULY
GOLDFIELDS CYCLASSIC
2 – 3 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.

PINJARRA FESTIVAL
2 – 3 June Pinjarra
A line up of live entertainment, workshops, heritage displays, interactive activities and markets.

LEONORA GOLDEN GIFT
2 – 4 June Leonora
The small outback town of Leonora hosts Australia’s richest 1600m foot race, the ‘Elite Mile’, which attracts local, national and international competitors.

BROOME RACING SEASON
2 June – 18 August Broome
The Broome racing season features competitive thoroughbred horseracing and thrilling entertainment, culminating in the highly anticipated Broome Cup Carnival.

TRUFFLE KERFUFFLE
22 – 23 June Manjimup
A celebration of Manjimup’s famous black truffles and local produce.

CITY OF PERTH WINTER ARTS FESTIVAL
June – August Perth
Featuring exciting arts and cultural experiences to suit all tastes, spanning theatre, music, comedy, cabaret, dance, film, literature, family, entertainment and visual arts.

CHELSEA FC INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
Date TBC Perth
English Premier League Champions Chelsea FC are heading to Perth for the first time to play an Australian-exclusive match against Perth Glory at Optus Stadium.
**NANNUP FLOWER AND GARDEN FESTIVAL**
16 – 18 August  Nannup
Featuring stunning floral displays as well as children’s activities, market stalls and choir performances.

**CINEFESTOZ FILM FESTIVAL**
22 – 26 August  Busselton
A film festival showcasing a line up of new and exciting films over five days, drawing a diverse audience and attracting filmmakers and actors from around Australia.

**ACT-BELONG-COMMIT DWELLINGUP 100**
18 August  Dwellingup
A mountain bike race including four distances that cater for varying levels of fitness and ability.

**SHINJU MATSURI**
25 August – 2 September  Broome
Japanese for ‘Festival of the Pearl’, the event celebrates the unique culture, history and diversity of Broome.
KINGS PARK FESTIVAL
1 – 30 September  Perth
Presenting amazing spring displays of wildflowers and many free events including outdoor exhibitions, guided walks, art displays, family activities and more.

SOUTHERN MTB
21 – 23 September  Albany
A mountain bike festival with a professional and amateur program incorporating cross-country, downhill, jump competition and kids’ events.

IGA PERTH ROYAL SHOW
22 – 29 September  Perth
A Perth favourite for over 170 years featuring exhibits, agricultural competitions, animal displays, sideshow fun, rides, showbags and nightly fireworks.

HIDDEN TREASURES BLOOM FESTIVAL
September – October  Great Southern
Features over 40 events including wildflower displays, guided tours, open gardens, workshops, long table lunches, train rides, art exhibitions, wine tasting, craft activities and more.

SOUTHERN ART & CRAFT TRAIL
September – October  Great Southern
Features a diverse range of art exhibitions, open studios, workshops, demonstrations, artists’ talks and public art displays throughout the Great Southern region.
OCTOBER

POLOCROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
1 – 7 October  Perth
The best polocrosse players and horses from across the country will be heading to Perth to compete for the Australian Champions Title.

FIELD OF LIGHT
1 October - 25 April 2019
A light installation by renowned English artist Bruce Munro will form part of Albany’s commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War in 2018.

BEVERLEY HEROIC
Date TBC  Beverley
A recreational cycling event that celebrates the heritage of the region.

CAPE TO CAPE MTB
18 – 21 October  Margaret River
A fast-paced, four-day mountain bike race suitable for riders of all levels. The event provides a great way to explore the South West region.

AUSTRALASIAN POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES GAMES
28 October – 3 November  Mandurah
More than 4,000 police and emergency services athletes from Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific will come together in the spirit of friendly competition and camaraderie.
ACT-BELONG-COMMIT AUGUSTA ADVENTURE FEST
3 – 4 November Augusta
Recognised as the world’s biggest adventure race – a multi-race, multi-adventure weekend with something for everyone, taking place amongst the rugged landscapes of the South West.

TOUR OF MARGARET RIVER
9 – 11 November Nannup
A road race of over 100 teams with a unique format that allows amateur cyclists to compete directly against riders from the pro tour peloton, set against the spectacular scenery of the South West.

SWIM + RESORT SERIES
Date TBC Fremantle
Showcasing the hottest swimwear and resort looks for the 2018/19 Spring Summer season.

MARGARET RIVER GOURMET ESCAPE
15 – 18 November Margaret River
With a five-star line up of Australian and international chefs, culinary personalities and wine critics, Gourmet Escape offers an extensive program of world-class events showcasing WA’s best wine and produce.
SAINT BARBARA’S FESTIVAL
Date TBC
Kalgoorlie-Boulder
A celebration of the contribution that mining, its supporting industries and community organisations make to Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

SUNSMART IRONMAN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
2 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.
KING OF THE CUT
Date TBC  Mandurah
The largest stand up paddle board downwind race in Australia, featuring a 24km and 10km event.

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 homegrown talent.
OPTUS STADIUM OPENING
21 January
A public community open day to showcase the new Optus Stadium and the extended precinct.

GILLETTE ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL AUSTRALIA V ENGLAND
28 January
Watch Australia take on its oldest rival, England, in the Gillette ODI Series. This contest is one not to be missed.
AFLW FREMANTLE V COLLINGWOOD
10 February
The Fremantle Dockers Women’s team will play the first football game of any code at Optus Stadium next year, in what is tipped to be the biggest stand-alone women’s sporting event held in Australia.

ED SHEERAN WORLD TOUR
2-3 March
Perth will welcome one of the biggest names in music to the new Optus Stadium, where over 100,000 Sheeran fans will have the chance to enjoy an unparalleled concert experience.

PERTH NRL DOUBLE HEADER
10 March
The NRL will create history when the opening round of the 2018 NRL Telstra premiership season kicks off at Optus Stadium. The Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs will take on 2017 premiers, Melbourne Storm, while the South Sydney Rabbitohs will clash with the New Zealand Warriors.

AFL 2018 SEASON
25 March – September
See the West Coast Eagles and the Fremantle Dockers take on their rivals at Optus Stadium in one of the 22 rounds of the 2018 AFL season.

NITRO CIRCUS
22 April
The global action sports entertainment phenomenon will bring its huge all-new show, The Next Level Tour, to Optus Stadium.

CHELSEA FC INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLY
TBC
English Premier League Champions Chelsea FC are heading to Perth for the first time to play an Australian-exclusive match against Perth Glory at the new Optus Stadium.
Taylor Swift Reputation Stadium Tour
19 October
Ten-time Grammy winner Taylor Swift kicks off the Australian leg of her Reputation Stadium Tour in Perth with her biggest WA show ever.

2018\2019 Summer of Cricket
Don’t miss the 2018/19 Summer of Cricket at Optus Stadium, featuring all three formats. Watch Australia take on India in international fixtures, and experience three hours of non-stop cricket action, fireworks, music and entertainment at the Perth Scorchers matches.
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