WHAT'S ON?
LOTS ON
IN WA 2021

MARGARET RIVER PRO
Margaret River

ORD VALLEY MUSTER
Kununurra

IRONMAN WA
Busselton

SCULPTURE BY THE SEA
Cottesloe

WESTERN AUSTRALIA
If you’ve got an adventurous palate, a thirst for live sport or a craving for culture, the Western Australia event calendar is set to satisfy!

2021 brings a bumper line up of world-class events. The Bledisloe Cup returns to Perth off the back of the Wallabies historic win over the All Blacks in 2019, Tim Minchin features at Perth Festival, Ord Valley Muster celebrates 20 years and the culinary adventure of Western Australia Gourmet Escape is set to return bigger and better than ever.

Whether you’re a foodie, music buff, sports nut or an admirer of arts, there’s always something going on in Western Australia. To find out more about event funding opportunities, visit tourism.wa.gov.au

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

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All dates and information stated are correct at time of printing.
JANUARY

TABTOUCH PERTH CUP
2 January | Perth
Close out 2020 and launch 2021 in style at this year’s iconic TABtouch Perth Cup.

FRINGE WORLD FESTIVAL
15 January – 14 February | Perth
Fringe World is the third largest fringe festival in the world, and Perth’s most popular annual festival. Fringe World offers something for everyone, with an incredible array of entertainment including comedy, music, circus, cabaret and much more.

GRAPE AND GALLOPS FESTIVAL
17 January | Mt Barker
Where equine meets wine. A great day of food, wine and country horse racing.

BUNBURY FRINGE
22-30 January | Bunbury
Bunbury Fringe celebrates art forms left of centre with a selection of cutting edge and eclectic shows.
PERTH FESTIVAL | 5-28 February | Perth
Celebrate Perth’s unique lifestyle with a series of outstanding community events that sing a collective love song to this city, its people and its diverse artistic voices across theatre, music, dance, film, visual arts and literature.

SUNSMART BUSSELTON JETTY SWIM | 13-14 February | Busselton
An open water swim around the 153 year old historically listed Busselton Jetty, the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere.

ROTTNEST CHANNEL SWIM | 20 February | Perth to Rottnest
Highly regarded as one of Western Australia’s iconic events, this is a 19.7km open water swim from Cottesloe Beach to Rottnest Island.

NANNUP MUSIC FESTIVAL | 26 February – 1 March | Nannup
Held on the banks of the beautiful Blackwood River, this festival makes the streets come alive with musical talent, stalls and activities.
FEBRUARY

CITY OF LIGHTS
Photo by Kevin Laminto
SCULPTURE BY THE SEA
5-22 March | Cottesloe
Cottesloe Beach transforms into a spectacular sculpture park displaying works by more than 70 artists from Australia and around the world.

GAMEX
12-20 March | Exmouth
Recognised as WA’s premier fishing tournament, GAMEX offers anglers a chance to compete for a great prize pool across a range of categories.

KATANNING HARMONY FESTIVAL
12-13 March | Katanning
This festival highlights the positive aspect of Katanning’s cultural diversity as the community comes together to offer a festival that promises colour, culture, connection and excitement with live entertainment, cooking demonstrations, an international food village and more.

RAC KARRI VALLEY TRIATHLON
13-14 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.

TASTE GREAT SOUTHERN
18-28 March | Great Southern Region
Located along the pristine southern coastline and expanding into the forest ranges, this event celebrates the amazing food, wine, people and attractions of the Great Southern region.
MARCH

OUTBACK FUSION FESTIVAL
26-28 March | Newman
A three day festival of art, music, food and dance that celebrates the outback town of Newman and its diverse multi-cultural community.

BUSSELTON FESTIVAL OF FIZZ
March | Busselton
The only Western Australian Festival dedicated to all things sparkling! Held at the end of the Busselton Jetty, the sparkles of the natural surrounds makes it the best place to taste, learn about and buy all things fizzy.

APRIL PINE, ‘FLUTTER I AND II’ SCULPTURE BY THE SEA, COTTESLOE 2020
Photo by Richard Watson
APRIL
DONNYBROOK APPLE FESTIVAL
3-4 April | Donnybrook
A fun filled festival celebrating the great produce of the region, with entertainment for the whole family.

KICKSTARTERS GASCOYNE DASH 1-4 April | Carnarvon
Featuring extreme off-road racing machines, the 400km event provides a challenge for even the toughest competitors.

KARIJINI EXPERIENCE 6-10 April | Karijini
A celebration that provides a diverse and inclusive program of authentic, high-quality arts, culture, music and food experiences.

NORTHAM MOTORSPORT FESTIVAL 10-11 April | Northam
Experience the main streets of Northam as they are transformed into a classic racing car circuit, featuring the Mount Ommanney hill climb and Northam Flying 50.
**X-ADVENTURE DUNSBOROUGH**

10-11 April | Dunsborough

The ultimate mix of triathlon and adventure racing; featuring ocean swimming, trail running and mountain bike riding, taking place in the pristine wilderness surrounding Dunsborough.

**ACTION SPORTS GAMES**

10-11 April | Mandurah

Action sports athletes compete in wakeboarding, freestyle motocross, skate and BMX events.

**MANDURAH WORLD MASTERS GOLF**

11-16 April | Mandurah

Open to club golfers aged 35+, the Masters is a week-long celebration of golf and entertainment with around $50,000 of prizes on offer.

**YORK MOTORCYCLE FESTIVAL**

11 April | York

This festival features a motorbike display combined with fun family activities, stunt shows and live music.

**MARGARET RIVER PRO**

16-26 April | 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.

**STARRY WEEKEND**

23-25 April | Koorda

A chance to celebrate astronomy in regional Western Australia.

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MAY

BUSSELTON FESTIVAL OF TRIATHLON
1 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.

LAKE ARGYLE SWIM
1 May | Lake Argyle
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.
MARGARET RIVER ULTRA MARATHON
1 May | Lake Argyle
Boasting 80km of magnificent trail running through one of Australia’s most beautiful regions starting at Hamelin Bay in the South and finishing at a Cidery.

MARGARET RIVER READERS AND WRITERS FESTIVAL
14-16 May | Margaret River
A three day festival of literature, storytelling and ideas, featuring top Australian novelists, journalists, speakers and thinkers.

THE GIBB CHALLENGE
14-21 May | Kimberley Region
An epic cycling adventure along the iconic Gibb River Road through the magnificent Kimberley region of Western Australia.

SEVEN: AUSTRALIA’S PREMIER GRAVEL RACE
16 May | Nannup, Bridgetown, Donnybrook
Linking together some of the South West’s best gravel roads to form the ultimate one day challenge in Australian cycling.
ORD VALLEY MUSTER
21-29 May | Kununurra
East Kimberley’s biggest festival celebrates its 20th anniversary in 2021. This bucket-list event is held over nine days and features music, food, art and culture.

FOREST RALLY
21-23 May | South West Region
Western Australia’s round of the Australian Rally Championship.

A TASTE OF BROOME
21-23 May | Broome
A multi-arts performance, cuisine and culture based event focused on the unique Aboriginal multiculturalism in Broome and surrounding communities.
FRIDGETOWN FESTIVAL
1 June - 31 August | Bridgetown
There is always something to do this winter with the Fridgetown Fest! A three month program of entertainment and events including art, culture, music, food, exhibitions and outdoor activities.

ALBANY CLASSIC MOTOR EVENT
5-6 June | Albany
A tribute to the first European style “Around the Houses” race in Australia. In 2021, the event will be celebrating its 30th continual anniversary and 85 years since the first event.

JAZZ BY THE BAY
4-7 June | Dunsborough, Busselton and Margaret River
Featuring amazing jazz experiences with fine wine and food in iconic natural spaces and spectacular venues throughout Busselton, Dunsborough and Margaret River.
QFEST
4-7 June | Cue
An arts and culture festival celebrating diversity in the Murchison region. Have fun with drag queens, international food, cultural tours, heritage tours, theatre, music and more.

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

GOLDFIELDS CYCLASSIC & COMMUNITY FONDO
5-6 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.

LEONORA GOLDEN GIFT
5-6 June | Leonora
The small outback town of Leonora hosts WA’s richest foot race, which attracts local and national competitors.
MULLEWA MUSTER AND RODEO
5-6 June | Mullewa
The Mid West’s premier rodeo event featuring ABCRA affiliated full point’s rodeo, star studded country music concert, stalls, family entertainment and free camping onsite.

PINJARRA FESTIVAL
5-6 June | Pinjarra
A line up of live entertainment, children’s performances, interactive activities and markets.

WA DAY FESTIVAL
6-7 June | Perth
A proud occasion for all West Australians to come together to celebrate the people, lifestyle and culture with activities for the whole family.

TRUFFLE KERFUFFLE
25-27 June | Manjimup
A weekend-long celebration of one of the world’s most luxurious ingredients - dine, explore and unearth your own truffle in the heart of Australian truffle country.
**BLEDISLOE CUP**

*July | Perth*

Witness one of the biggest rivalries in world sport live at Optus Stadium when the Wallabies take on the All Blacks, as WA hosts its second Bledisloe Cup fixture.

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**CABIN FEVER**

*16-25 July | Margaret River Region*

Break out of hibernation this winter and attend a number of events featuring regional produce, award winning wine and beverages, live music, art and entertainment.
SHINJU MATSURI

AUGUST

AVON DESCENT
14-15 August | Northam to Bayswater
An annual, two-day, white water event involving both paddle craft (kayaks, canoes, and surf skis) and power dinghies. It runs from Northam to Perth (124km) along the Avon and Swan Rivers.

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 beautiful northern venues.
A TASTE OF CHITTERING
August | Chittering
The premier showcase for the Chittering region and its local produce. Taste unique and award-winning wines, beers and ciders and learn the local tricks of the trade.

KALGOORLIE FASHION WEEK
August | Kalgoorlie
A regional fashion program that acknowledges traditional owners of the land. The program includes runway events featuring West Australian and National designers.

GOorna Mayi, Goorna Ambooriny
August | Cape Leveque
Translating to “Good Food, Good People”. Celebrate Bardi Jawi culture through fun, food and activities on the beautiful Cape Leveque.

CINEFESTOZ
25-29 August | Busselton
CinefestOZ premieres feature films and events in the region’s cinemas and picturesque venues, making it a spectacular destination experience and an unforgettable getaway. With exciting screenings and film related event options, film lovers converge to share the excitement and enjoy the highly anticipated film program.

SHINJU MATSURI
28 August – 5 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.
SEPTEMBER

RHYTHM AND RIDE
Photo by Steph Coombes Creative
**September Events**

**Perth SuperNight**
11-12 September | Perth
The Virgin Australia Supercars Championship heads west for the Perth SuperNight at Barbagallo Raceway.

**Margaret River Region Open Studios**
11-26 September | 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.

**Astro Rocks Fest**
17-19 September | Mt Magnet
Experience and celebrate geological heritage and astronomical wonders.

**Bloom Festival**
19 September – 18 October | Great Southern Region
This festival features more than 40 events including wildflower displays, guided tours, long table lunches, art exhibitions, wine tasting and more.

**Rhythm and Ride**
24-26 September | Broome
A two-day Aboriginal-lead, rodeo, campdraft and country music festival held in Broome, featuring a full points ABCRA affiliated Campdraft and Rodeo.
LAVERFEST  
24-27 September | Laverton  
Experience Laverton’s rich historical and cultural diversity with a weekend full of cultural food markets, concerts, a gala ball, live entertainment, fireworks and the drawcard event, the Outback Triathlon.

REGENERATIVE LIVING FESTIVAL  
25-26 September | Pemberton  
Learn how to change to more sustainable habits and live a better life at the Regenerative Living Festival in Pemberton.

IGA PERTH ROYAL SHOW  
25 September – 2 October | Perth  
A Perth favourite for more than 100 years, the show features informational exhibits, agricultural competitions, animals, a fairground, rides and show bags.

SOUTHERN ART AND CRAFT TRAIL  
25 September - 10 October | Great Southern Region  
Presents more than 80 venues with a range of art exhibitions, open studios, workshops, demonstrations, artist’s talks and public art displays throughout the Southern region of Western Australia.

SOUTHERN PEAKS  
September | Albany  
A mountain bike festival with a professional and amateur program incorporating cross-country, downhill jump competition and kids’ events.
SEPTEMBER

AFL MASTERS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
26 September – 2 October | Perth

A nationally hosted carnival that provides male and female players over 35 years of age the opportunity to compete in an AFL competition in a family orientated and fun environment.
OCTOBER

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PRO SURF SERIES
October 2021 | Mandurah
Local, Australian and international surfers have the opportunity to gain ranking points and prize money in the WA surf series.

YALGOO EMU FESTIVAL
2 October | Yalgoo
A free emu themed family festival. The event commences with a free community breakfast followed by games, workshops and more.
TX CIVIL & LOGISTICS
WA PGA CHAMPIONSHIPS
4-10 October | Kalgoorlie
Hosted at the critically-acclaimed Graham Marsh designed Golf Course in Kalgoorlie, the event forms part of the consolidated PGA Tour of Australasia Order of Merit and is an iconic tournament on Australia’s golfing calendar.

STRINGS ATTACHED:
THE WEST AUSTRALIAN GUITAR FESTIVAL 2021
8-10 October 2021 | Margaret River
Showcasing exhibitions, performances, masterclasses and workshops. The event is a celebration of players, makers & collectors, lovers of guitars, basses, ukuleles, mandolins, banjos and more.

DARDANUP BULL AND BARREL FESTIVAL
9 October | Dardanup
This free festival celebrates the diverse offerings of the Dardanup region with more than 150 market and food stalls, live music, demonstrations and the famous lighting of the Fire Sculpture.
AUSTRALIAN MASTERS GAMES
9-16 October | Perth
Perth will become the playground for the largest mass participation, multisport event the city has ever seen. This week-long festival of sport brings together weekend warriors from around Australia and the world to enjoy an extensive sport and social program in an exciting holiday destination.

CAPE TO CAPE
21-24 October | South West Region
Australia’s largest and longest running four day mountain biking stage race, with around 200km of fun trails over four stages catering to all levels of experience.

WANDERING CAMP OUT WEEKEND
22-24 October | Wandering
Come for a weekend of live entertainment whilst experiencing first hand, farming and agricultural practices and lifestyle and all things that are the small picturesque town of Wandering.

SOUTH WEST CYCLING FESTIVAL
October | Bunbury
A fun filled weekend of cycling, featuring a recreational ride around Bunbury and the Ferguson Valley, a gravel event for the adventurer or a family friendly ride around central Bunbury.
TOUR OF MARGARET RIVER
5-7 November | Margaret River
A road race of more than 100 teams with a unique format that allows amateur cyclists to compete directly against riders from the tour peloton, set against the spectacular scenery of the South West.

RUN ALBANY
November | Albany
A trail weekend along the Albany coastline with great atmosphere and distances to suit all runners.

KINJARLING DJINDA NGARDAK
November | Albany
A multi-faceted event showcasing Aboriginal talent and leadership in a variety of ways including hospitality, cookery, culture, bushfoods, fashion, music, art and performance.

BOYUP BROOK COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL
November | 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.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA GOURMET ESCAPE
17-21 November | Perth and Margaret River
Western Australia Gourmet Escape is a food and wine festival, showcasing the best culinary talent and local produce. The festival features events in Perth, Swan Valley, Rottnest Island and Margaret River, along with a program of Fringe Events throughout the month of November.
BMX NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
22-28 November | Perth
The AusCycling BMX National Championships will attract some of the Australia’s best BMX riders to compete for the coveted green and gold jersey to become the National BMX Champion.

MOUNTAINS AND MURALS FESTIVAL
25-29 November | Mt Barker
A celebration of local art and history, showcasing world class mural painting and local produce.

TABTOUCH MASTERS
November | Perth
The TABtouch Masters returns with three super Saturdays in a row, bringing people together to experience all that Group One racing has to offer. Beginning with the Kirin Railway Stakes, then Crown Perth Winterbottom Stakes and finishing with the People’s Choice Kingston Town Classic Day.
KING OF THE CUT
4-5 December | Mandurah
The largest stand up paddle board downwind race in Australia featuring a 24km and 10km event.

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

MANJIMUP CHERRY HARMONY FESTIVAL
11 December | Manjimup
Fruit lovers flock to one of WA’s top culinary destinations to enjoy delicious cherries and a full day of activities celebrating the fresh produce from Manjimup and the surrounding Southern Forests.

ST BARBARA’S FESTIVAL
2 & 5 December | Kalgoorlie
A celebration of the contribution mining has had on Kalgoorlie. See a CAT 793 Haul truck parade down Hannan Street!

CITY OF PERTH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
December | Perth
Experience the magic, colour and spectacle of your favourite floats as the Christmas Pageant returns in 2021, bringing Christmas magic to the streets of Perth.
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
OPTUS STADIUM EVENTS

• 2021 KFC BBL SEASON

• 2021 AFL PREMIERSHIP SEASON: 18 March – 22 August 2021

• BLEDISLOE CUP

• GUNS N’ ROSES CONCERT: 24 November 2021

• 2021/2022 SUMMER OF CRICKET