

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Skyfest Australia Day Celebrations to go off with a bang

An amazing day of activities culminating in the biggest fireworks show in WA outside of Perth is expected to attract a crowd of 40,000 when the City of Bunbury holds its SkyFest Australia Day Celebrations.

The free event on Thursday, 26 January 2017 will be centred around Bicentennial Square and the Graham Bricknell Music Shell, where everyone is invited to join in this celebration of all things Australian.

The day begins with the traditional Aussie breakfast at 6.30am, organised by the Bunbury Silver Chain fundraising committee. This will be followed by the Bunbury Runners Club Fun Run, which takes off around the Leschenault Inlet at 7am.

New Australians and significant contributors to our community will be recognised at the Mayor's Citizenship and Awards Ceremony from 8.30am at the Graham Bricknell Music Shell.

Festivities kick off again from 4pm with a range of free activities and entertainment for the whole family, including kids cooking workshops; umbrella painting and decorating; and Big Bad Wolf and Little Red Riding Hood on specially-designed bikes that blow bubbles for all to enjoy throughout the event area.

Gamers will love the electronic game bus featuring a range of popular video games, or if cuddly animals are more your speed, be sure to check out the native animal petting zoo where you can feed and cuddle animals such as koalas and other well-loved Australian fauna.

Sprinkler City is sure to be a hit with a number of water slides on hand for a quick cool down, and the traditional rides and amusements are back again with a few new rides that will appeal to the older kids.

Parents and families with young children can visit the Kids Stage where shows such as Jolly Jim the Pirate, Crayonz Kids Show, Hey Presto the Magician, and Disney favourites including Ariel from The Little Mermaid and Elsa and Anna from Frozen will entertain.

Make sure to grab a bite to eat from the large selection of food vans and enjoy your meal in the shade of the dining hall, which has a view of the musical entertainment. Don't forget to check out the Market Square with a wide selection of products from stallholders.

As always, the Family Concert on the Graham Bricknell Music Shell will feature a selection of local and South West musicians, as well as a popular National band as our special headliner.

And of course the Fireworks Spectacular will again light up Bunbury from 8.30pm with the biggest and best Australia Day fireworks show in WA outside of Perth.

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