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Australian songbird takes to the stage for SkyFest

Singer/songwriter Katy Steele will headline the entertainment for this year's SkyFest Australia Day celebrations on Saturday 26 January.

Steele will be remembered as the frontwoman for band Little Birdy who gained popularity in 2003 to 2009. The band had hit singles on both the ARIA chart and in Triple J's Hottest 100, and was nominated for several WAMi Awards and ARIA Awards.

In 2016 Steele launched her solo career and has been touring and releasing music ever since. When she takes to the Graham Bricknell Music Shell stage at the end of the month audiences can expect to hear a selection of both her solo work and Little Birdy songs.

Also on stage will be local musicians Laine Wolfe, Tracey Barnett, 2s a Crowd, Down Under and The Hunting Birds. The concert begins at 3.55pm with a Welcome to Country.

The day of celebrations kicks off at 6am with the Bunbury-Koombana Apex Club Australia Day barbecue breakfast at Bicentennial Square. This will be followed by the annual Bunbury Runners Club Fun Run at 7.30am which takes in the Leschenault Inlet.

At 8.30am presentations for the Mayor's Citizenship Ceremony will begin at the Graham Bricknell Music Shell.

Sideshow alley will be back and bigger than ever from 4pm at Bicentennial Square as well as free activities such as a water slide, umbrella painting, Double Decker Game Bus, Wildlife Petting Zoo, Circus workshop, rock-climbing wall, bungee trampolines and Toddler Zone.

There will also be a Kids Stage for the younger community to enjoy from 4pm to 7.15pm with a host of child-friendly entertainment including Super Hero Kids Show, Mario the Almost Magnificent, Konga Kids Show and the Kangaroo Creek Gang.

Market stalls and food vans will also be a feature of the event.

At 8.30pm it will be time to gaze skyward for the fireworks display – the biggest outside of Perth.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the annual celebration was a day for the whole community to reflect

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upon how lucky they were to call Australia home.

“SkyFest presents a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate,” Mayor Brennan said.

“This year we will once again welcome a number of new Australian citizens and it is my absolute honour to be a part of this momentous occasion.

“I encourage everyone to take part and enjoy themselves for what is sure to be a sensational event in our city.”

SkyFest will take place on Saturday 26 January. For a full list of events and activities please visit <http://www.bunbury.wa.gov.au/Pages/SkyFest.aspx> or like the City’s Facebook to find out more <https://www.facebook.com/bunburycity/>

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