

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Celebrating all things Japanese!**

The City of Bunbury will honour and celebrate its Sister City relationship with the inaugural South West Festival of Japan on 11 August at the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre.

There will be an array of entertainment and activities for all to enjoy including Taiko drumming, anime cos-play dance, martial arts demonstrations, bonsai display, tea ceremony, ikebana (flower arranging) and origami.

A Japanese food market will quell any hunger pains and festival-goers can also purchase anime merchandise, Japanese pop culture items, benot boxes, lucky cats, yukata (kimonos) and more.

This event marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bunbury and Setagaya, Japan becoming Sister Cities.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the celebration was the perfect opportunity for local residents to learn more about Japanese culture.

“The festival will give people an insight into Japan and an appreciation for our Sister City of Setagaya,” Mayor Brennan.

“It is a culture rich with history yet contemporary in its outlook and innovation.

“I would encourage all to attend this free community event.”

The event is family-friendly and begins at 11am to 4pm.

For more information and a program of activities please visit the BREC website [www.bunburyentertainment.com](http://www.bunburyentertainment.com) or the Bunbury Sister and Friendships Cities Facebook page.

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