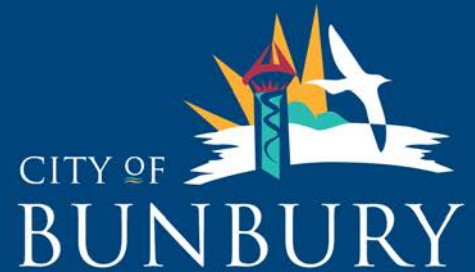


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Wednesday, 31 January 2018

## **Community invited to celebrate the opening of the Koombana Foreshore**

This Saturday Koombana Foreshore will be brought to life with a bay-side concert, beach games, food trucks, market stalls and lots of free family-friendly activities as the precinct is officially reopened.

The highly-anticipated development which took seven months to complete has seen the Koombana Foreshore precinct undergo a complete makeover as part of the Transforming Bunbury Waterfront project.

Highlights from Stage One of the project included:

- Construction of an inclusive playground
- Amphitheatre and shaded areas including 11 new shade structures
- Revamped kiosk and public amenities
- Construction of 100 extra parking bays, taking the total to almost 400
- A pedestrian promenade along the beach
- Improved beach access, including disabled access
- Extensive landscaped areas overlooking the beach
- Improved traffic access, including left turn only from Anchorage Cove to Koombana Drive
- Removal of the old train line

The community is being asked to head down to the foreshore between 4pm and 7pm to join in the celebrations. Beach activities during the festival include stand-up paddle boarding with SUP Bunbury (this will incur a small fee), canoeing with Outrigger West Coast Bunbury, twilight sailing display with Koombana Sailing Club, beach volleyball with Bunbury Beach Volleyball, beach cricket with the Western Australian Cricket Association, kite flying exhibition and beach patrols by the City of Bunbury Surf Lifesaving Club.

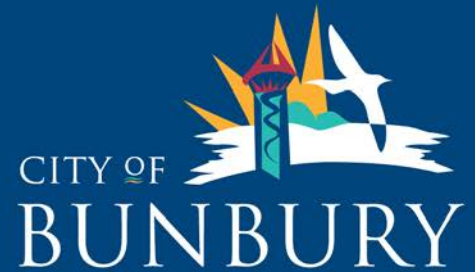
A concert hosted by Good Nights will showcase the purpose-built amphitheatre featuring South West musicians Tom Day, Valentine and Great Gable. The concert kicks off at 5pm once the formal proceedings have wrapped up.

On the shoreline a beach sprint will see mascots from Perth Scorchers, Dolphin Discovery Centre, the South Western Times and other local organisations line up for a race to the finish.

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Revellers will also be able to grab a bite to eat from a range of food trucks stationed onsite as well as peruse the market stalls located on the grassed area.

At 7pm the Koombana footbridge will be officially opened as the lights are switched on for the first time.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the festival provided an opportunity for the community to get together and enjoy all the elements of the precinct.

“I invite everyone to come down and take a look at this sensational development which has changed and also improved the face of our stunning coastline,” Mayor Brennan said.

“The completion of Koombana Foreshore is just the beginning of the Transforming Bunbury Waterfront Project.

“It is an exciting time for Bunbury, as this is set to become an iconic location and tourist destination for our city.

“The Koombana Foreshore precinct has so much to offer and is the perfect place to spend an afternoon with friends and family.”

In conjunction with the festival the City’s friends at the Dolphin Discovery Centre will be hosting a Mocktails, Music and Mermaids event. Entry is free.

Over the next few months the area will play host to several big events such as the Australian Beach Games, Why Not Beach Party, Live by the Bay and Bunbury Beer and Cider Festival.

For more information please visit the Facebook event page, Koombana Foreshore Festival and for more information on upcoming events check out [www.visitbunbury.com.au/events](http://www.visitbunbury.com.au/events)

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