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MEDIA RELEASE

BGTP LAUNCHES FIND AUTUMN BUNGEO 2020 CAMPAIGN

Autumn for the culturally curious, festival fabulous, produce-loving, and sport action seekers

Bunbury Geographe Tourism Partnership (BGTP) has launched a FIND AUTUMN BUNGEO campaign which will roll out from mid-February to 30 May.

The goal of the campaign is to build intrigue and curiosity that would ultimately reveal Bunbury Geographe (#BunGeo) as a Western Australia's premier autumn destination and help potential visitors see how beautiful, fun, and accessible the destination is, especially for Perth residents.

BGTP Tourism Marketing & Development Manager, Anissa Williams said BunGeo is an awesome autumn break location; there's so much this region has to offer in terms of events, produce, culture and exploring nature.

"Autumn BunGeo is the place to be for culturally curious, festival fabulous, produce-loving, and sport action seekers," Ms Williams said.

The Find Autumn BunGeo campaign kick-starts with an awesome arts, festival and entertainment programme.

“From February to May, visitors and residents can celebrate autumn at more than 50 major events and festivals.

“Stomp grapes at the Harvey Harvest Festival, get a little arty at the Bunbury’s Tree Street Art Safari where 51 artists and 24 venues open their doors, or see Australia’s best sprinters in action at the Bunbury Geographe Gift ,” said Ms Williams.

The campaign will include collaborations with WA’s largest digital platform *Perth is OK* and the City of Bunbury, journalist and influencer visits, social media advertising, Autumn Hot Deals, ticket giveaways and much more.

Initially, autumn in BunGeo feels like an extension of the summer, the sun-warmed water and golden light is the perfect backdrop for evenings at the beach or restaurant overlooking the ocean with a Geographe wine in hand. Wrap up warm to watch the sky be lit up by dramatic sunsets and fire skies.

As the season progresses, autumn’s vibrant mosaic of colours carpet our landscapes and our orchards, farms and vineyards are heaving with lip-smacking, home-grown produce. It’s the perfect time to drive the slow road and wind your way through charming country towns.

Sport action and outdoor seekers are not forgotten with BunGeo’s MTB tracks, campgrounds and beaches at their best.

For more information about BunGeo and to plan your trip, visitbunburygeographe.com.au/autumn

MUST DO’S BUNGEO AUTUMN EVENTS

Some event highlights this autumn include:

FIND ART TRAILS

Tree Street Art Safari, 21 March

24 venues and 51 artists will open their doors and showcase at this year's Tree Street Art Safari. Walk Bunbury's historical Tree Street area where you can meet amazing artists and buy fabulous art. You can also chill out to local music performances, savour homemade gourmet delights, stop for a coffee, and taste Geographe wine, or enjoy lunch at The Foodey Collective and Fishers On Beach Rd. There are also four interactive art installations that will challenge, excite and take your breath away. So grab your family or best friends and start planning your art street trail adventure.

Dardanup Art Spectacular & Trail, 1 to 3 May

Start planning your fabulous arty weekend in the beautiful Ferguson Valley. The Dardanup Art Spectacular is an annual event held in May aimed at celebrating both established and emerging talent from our region. The event incorporates an Exhibition and art competition as well as an Art Trail including artists’ studios, wineries, breweries and accommodation providers from around

Dardanup and the Ferguson Valley. The Exhibition & Award Opening night starts at 7pm on Friday, 1 May at the Dardanup Hall. The trail and artist studios are open from 10am-5pm, Saturday and Sunday. So grab a trail map and head to the hills for a weekend of amazing art, food and [Geographe Wine](#). For further information, visit <https://dardanupartspectacular.com.au/>

Balingup Art & Craft Fair, 9-10 May

Meet the makers and see a wide range of art and craft from throughout the Blackwood Valley Region at the annual Balingup Art & Craft Affair. On Saturday 9 May, the shops and businesses along Balingup's main street will transform into art studios and craft workshops. With more than 30 artists and artisans gathering in Balingup you can view the displays, marvel at the exhibitions and shop til you drop. Get into the spirit of upcycling and sustainability at the Upcycled-recycled Fashion Parade! <https://www.facebook.com/pg/BalingupArtCraftAffair>

Capel Makers Trail, 22 to 24 May

BunGeo's art scene continues to explode at the 3 day annual Capel Makers Trail. More than 50 artisans and craftspeople from Capel, Peppermint Grove Beach, Boyanup and Dalyellup will showcase their creative talents within multiple studios and venues across the Capel region. The trail starts in the heart of each town and hamlet, plus branches out to artist studios and venues. Along the trail, there will be many opportunities to meet the makers, learn their stories and witness works in progress, and of course, buy art and artisan products. This is a free community event. For further information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/capelmakerstrail/>

FIND MUSIC BEATS

Boyup Brook Country Music Festival, 13 to 16 February

Each year, thousands and thousands descend to the banks of Boyup Brook's Blackwood River for one of Australia's top Country Music Festival. Eight Golden Guitar awards winner, Adam Harvey leads the fabulous line-up at this year's Boyup Brook Country Music Festival. Adam will be joined by [Graeme Connors](#), [Amber Lawrence](#), [Jetty Road](#), Carter and Carter, Taste of Tamworth, Pixie Jenkins, The Crosby Sisters, Honky Tonk Heroes, Kate Kindle Band, Man in Black, Anthony Taylor, Jed Zarb, Moira J Scott, Sarah Broome and The Western Suntones. The [Lotterywest](#) Street Carnival and Markets kicks off on Saturday 15 march, followed by the famous Ute and Truck Muster. <https://www.countrymusicwa.com.au/>

Vat 2 Beach Concert, 21 Feb

If you haven't heard of the amazing beach concerts Vat 2 host in Bunbury, you've been missing out! In 2020, Aussie legend Daryl Braithwaite will bring the Jetty Baths beach to life for one night only. Don't miss your chance to rock out to one of Australia's favourites with sand between your toes and a wine in hand. Special guest on the day is Ash Grunwald, who will provide his own unique sound as he brings his authentic blues and roots style to the foreshore. Local talent Hadassah will provide support on the day and gates will open at 5.30pm. Tickets on sale at Vat 2 <https://vat2.com.au/>

The Liberators: Bliss Fest 2020, 21 to 23 February

Immerse yourself in three days of absolute bliss with DJs, performers and live musicians at this 100% sober feel-good, plant-based festival at The Berry Delightful, nestled in the hills of Balingup! You will be embraced, respected and supported at every step of the way by WA's finest facilitators, event coordinators, 5 rhythm DJ's, performers and live musicians ensuring you are seen for the magnificence you truly are! Maximum 300 people to preserve the friendly community feel and to keep it as a boutique festival. Tickets start from \$150. This event is for fun loving adults 18+. <https://www.theliberators.org/>

GTM 2020, 26 April

Let's get jivin' as Groovin the Moo is heading back to Bunbury's Hay Park in 2020. Folks, were waiting in anticipation for the stellar line-up of Australia's largest music festival (announced 10 February), so keep your eyes and ears posted. In the meantime, as GTM 2020 falls on the ANZAC long weekend, be sure to secure your accommodation early. The Bunbury Visitor Centre can help you find a place to lay your head - www.visitbunburygeographe.com.au. For festival information visit <https://www.gtm.net.au/>

FIND FESTIVALS FUN

Collie Labour Day Festival, 29 Feb – 1 March

The Collie River Valley will be a hive of activity on the Labour Day weekend with the inaugural [Collie Labour Day Festival](#) (29 Feb - 1 March 2020). The festival will be a chance to celebrate the wealth of year-round recreational activities afforded to people lucky enough to live in region, including:

- Fishing Competition
- MTB Participation Ride & Race
- Live Music including [Kate Hindle](#)
- Woodchops
- Markets
- Food Vans
- 3 on 3 Basketball
- HOG Parade & Show'n Shine (Harley Davidson's)
- 4km Swimming competition at picturesque Minninup Pool.

<https://collielabourdayfest.com/>

South West Multicultural Festival, 22 February

The annual festival of multiculturalism, diversity and inclusion is back. The Live Lighter South West Multicultural Festival brings Bunbury Bicentennial Square alive on 22 February from 3pm to 9pm. Experience all the fun of the festival and grab a plate to enjoy delicious food from all over the world. Twenty-two food stalls will be offering a huge variety of international cuisine, including Moroccan, Russian, Filipino, Italian and more. The Festival's program consists of demonstrations, performances, market stalls, interactive workshops, as well as food and information stalls, all culminating into an evening of dance and music under the stars that represents the south west multicultural community. This is a family-friendly and free event. <http://www.bunburymulticulturalgroup.com.au/>

Beard Day Out, 14 March

Triple M Southwest has announced Australia's First Beard Festival right here in BunGeo. There are many beard competitions across the country, but Boyanup will be making history when they host Australia's first beard festival, Beard Day Out. So keep growing that beautiful facial hair and get ready to head to the Bull and Bush Tavern on the 14 March 2020.

<https://www.triplem.com.au/story/australia-s-first-beard-festival-154112>

Harvey Harvest Festival, 15 March

Experience the atmosphere of Italy at the South West's longest running harvest festival. Set in the picturesque gardens of Snell Park, the LiveLighter Harvey Harvest Festival 2020 offers a feast for the senses with arts, culture, food, wine and markets. Local produce will be transformed in true paddock to plate style cooking demonstrations, with many of Harvey's iconic brands – Harvey Cheese, Harvey Fresh, Harvey Beef and many more.' Loads of music and entertainment; don't miss the LiveLighter Grape Stomp championships. Keep the kids occupied with rides, street theatre, fairy workshops, and an animal petting farm. <https://www.harveyfest.com.au/>

Donnybrook Apple Festival, 11 & 12 April

This Easter, find fun, frivolity and food (most importantly, apples!) at the annual [Live Lighter Donnybrook Apple Festival 'Harvest & Arts'](#). At the Apple Festival, meet the local characters that create Donnybrook's awesome produce, in particular apples! With entertainment all day long across two massive stages, an enormous produce tent, wine tasting, sideshow alley, Easter egg hunt, free entertainment for the kids and much, much more, the Donnybrook Apple Festival is a must for locals and tourists alike. Don't miss Saturday's Street Parade. <https://donnybrookapplefestival.com.au/>

Myalup Easter Fair Art Exhibition, 12 April

On Easter Sunday, get ready for a day of good old fashioned family fun at the 2020 Myalup Easter Fair. Shop at the fabulous quality market stalls, chill-out to live music, try your luck in side show alley, eat delicious food from local food trucks or enter their pets into the Pet Parade!! Be sure not to miss the amazing art display, including the Youth Art Exhibition & Competition. From 10-3pm. <https://www.facebook.com/myalupeasterfair/>

SHIFT Youth Festival, 18 April

Shift Youth Festival is all about youth. Through a culmination of music, entertainment, atmosphere and good times, Shift seeks to promote positive lifestyle alternatives for Bunbury's young people. Come along for the arvo to join in with the chill vibes and win a double pass to GTM just for being there! There are a variety of awesome free activities suitable for all ages, including live music and DJ, demos and performances, mocktail bar, food trucks, Basketball WA 3x3, skateboarding clinics, Sumo suits, inflatables, laser tag and Freerun X5.

Balingup Small Farm Field Day, 18 & 19 April

WA's best small farm field day showcases small farming; caring for the land and animals, growing trees and food, cooking with fresh local ingredients and creating fashion and crafts with natural products. With over 300 trade and market stalls, farm machinery, equipment, and nursery supplies, there is something for all the family. Learn how to grow your own delicious food at home with Australian horticultural talk back radio and gardening TV presenter, Steve wood. Discover how to make compost with Bee Winfield. Local Balingup Marron farmer John Guest will share his ideas and experience about growing marron and Tracy Lansdell is ready to share her ideas about Fermenting Foods, and will also make some Sauerkraut. Bronwen Blake will tell you all you need to know in her talks "Intro to Hemp and Hemp Products or join Myles Happ for his demonstration "Beekeeping Basics". Entry \$15 U16 free. Gates open 9am to 4pm. On Sunday, your must-do activity is the Balingup Farm to Table Tour; a travelling celebration of people and place and the origins of good food in our region. Visit working farms in the Blackwood River Valley and join together to enjoy a truly magnificent spread from local cooks, tickets \$120. Visit balingupsmallfarmfieldday.com.au

FIND SPORT ACTION

Bunbury Geographe Gift 2020 – 29 February & 1 March

Get to the Gift this Labour Day long weekend and soak up the family-friendly festival atmosphere while seeing Australia's fastest athletes' race for massive prize pools – totally \$64,000. It's an event for the whole family, with a variety of fun activities and novelty races to keep the kids entertained and a delicious range of food, wine and beer to enjoy. The VIP tent offers event attendees the ultimate BGG 2020 experience! Enjoy the best seat in the house while sipping complimentary beverages from top local vineyards and breweries and a mouth-watering array of finger foods provided by the Bunbury Farmers Market. You won't miss a split second of the fast-paced action with display monitors covering the race set-up around the tent. Tickets are limited so book online now. <https://bunburygeographegift.com.au/>

2020 BMXWA Super Series, 15 Feb

The first round of the 2020 BMXWA SMARTER THAN SMOKING Super Series kicks off in Bunbury. The Super Series event attracts more than 500 riders, ranging in age from Mini Wheelers at 2 years up to the 50+ class, competing in an action packed one-day event. The excitement gets underway on 14 February at Bunbury BMX Club with riders taking to the track on Friday for practice to prepare them for the day of fast paced racing on Saturday.

<http://www.bmxsportswa.com.au/super-series/>

Bunbury Race Week – 4 to 8 March

Join us for an incredible week of horse racing action in Bunbury, culminating the famous Bunbury Cup. The week kick-starts on Wednesday 4 March, when the gates open on for Bunbury Stakes Day. Only \$20 entry for an awesome day of racing and fashion, cumulating to the \$120K [Amelia Park Farm](#) Bunbury Stakes race. Hosted by AFL Football Player and Horse Trainer Hayden Ballantyne, the Bunbury Cup Gala Dinner on Friday, 6 March is your ultimate black tie dinner supporting Ronald McDonald House. On Sunday 8 March, frock-up and head to race that stops the South West, ultra-fabulous Bunbury Cup. Don't miss the Fashions on the Field, with fashionistas vying for a place in the [WA Fashions on the Field](#) or secure a must-have ticket to an exclusive marquee tent. The newest marquee addition, is the Furphy Beer Hall; a social emporium, set in the middle of the Bunbury Cup excitement, with DJ entertainment to set the vibe, plus a 6 hours drinks packages to compliment an American BBQ. <https://www.bunburyturfclub.com.au/>

LGM Bunbury City Classic Triathlon, 16 Feb

The 2019 - 2020 triathlon season will see the return of the highly regarded LGM Industries Bunbury City Classic Triathlon. The Bunbury City Classic course incorporates the pristine and protected beach area of Koombana Bay. The ocean swim course runs close to the beach, it's great for spectators who can view from the adjacent boardwalk. The undulating bike course leaves Koombana Bay and runs through the city centre and out along the coastline of Back Beach returning to Koombana Bay. The run course winds itself around the Leschenault estuary, through the waterfront area up to the lighthouse and back to Koombana Bay for the 10km course along the pedestrian path taking in all the views of Bunbury. This event will be the State Standard Distance Championship race and a qualifying event for the Age Group Team for the 2020 ITU World Championships to be held in Edmonton, Canada! It also incorporates the **SunSmart Kids Aquathlon** (Swim & Run, no bike leg).

<http://www.bunburytriclub.com/events/bunbury-classics/>

Perth Glory Vs Western Sydney Wanderers W League, 29 Feb

Perth Glory is delighted to confirm that the club will be playing its final game of the regular Westfield W-League 2019/20 Season at Hay Park in Bunbury. The Saturday 29 February clash with Western Sydney Wanderers (kick off at 7.15pm), will round off a full week of coaching clinics and training sessions run by Football West, plus a Coach the Coaches clinic conducted by Glory's Westfield W-League Head Coach, Bobby Despotovski. <https://www.perthglory.com.au/>

Action Sport Games, 29 Feb -1 March

See some of Australia's best Wakeboarders, Skateboarders, BMX Rider, Scooter Riders and Freestyle Motocross Rider in action vying for over of AUD\$20K in prize money and prizes at the Drug Aware Action Sports Games 2020. This thrill-packed, free event also combines the Summer Food Truck Festival and the Expo Zone Market Square Koombana Bay. <http://actionsportsgames.com.au/>

- Saturday 29 February: Bunbury Skate Park
- Sunday 1 March: Koombana Bay

24 Hours of Lemons @ Collie Motorplex, 3 & 4 April and 16 to 18 October

Racing enthusiasts will be treated to a weekend of hilarious fun, fumes and funky cars as the light-hearted, biggest and cheapest motorsport on the planet – 24 Hours of Lemons – will be taking over Collie Motorplex. 24 Hours of Lemons presents Australian endurance racing for \$999 cars. It's a

breeding ground for inflated egos and God like status... in their own minds. It's where Mercedes and Mazda, Toyota and Hyundai do battle for the glory of gloating rights. All are winners if they make it to the end, which is the very point of LEMONS... to finish!! This is also the first time the Collie Motorplex will be in action, non-stop for 24 hours. <http://www.motoringsouthwest.org.au/>

Three Waters Running Festival – 5 April

The HBF Three Waters Running Festival is our 39th Bunbury Marathon with distances from 5km, 10km, half marathon, marathon and ultra marathon, plus an exciting school and corporate challenges. The scenic running route passes three waterways, Leschenault Inlet, Koombana Bay and the Indian Ocean, within the city on a course and is designed to showcase Bunbury's natural assets. Face painting and bouncy castle will be operating for the young at heart, whilst canteen, coffee, ice creams and sausage sizzle will be tempting the taste sensation of participants and spectators. <https://www.bunburyrunnersclub.org.au/events/hbf-3-waters-running-festival/>

Bolwell National Static Car Meet and Greet, 11 April

The Bolwell National is heading to Bunbury for three days of showing and driving these great historic vehicles from around the country. Come down to the Pat Usher Foreshore (just off Blair Street) on Saturday 11 April 2020, to view the Bolwell cars at the Bolwell National Static Car Meet and Greet. For further information visit: <http://bolwellcarclubnsw.com/>

MTB Empire Cup 2020 at Linga Longa, 18 April

The Linga Longa MTB Empire Cup is a jam style, two day mountain bike festival brought to you by Empire Cycles and some of the biggest brands in the industry. Celebrate good times, on and off the bike, with unlimited shuttle access, camping, live music, and an interactive riders' village with expo and trade setups including, Specialized Australia who is coming across from the Australian HQ armed with their Turbo Levo E-bike Demo fleet. <https://empirecycles.com.au/empire-cup/>

Champions League Basketball 3 x 3 Bunbury, 18 & 19 April

For the first time CLB3X3 is heading to the Bunbury's Bicentennial Square. CBL3X3 will host a 2 Day event covering a Mixed Corporate Cup competition, a Juniors competition and the popular Open's competition. Skills n Drills, Intro to 3X3, Kids Entertainment, music, prizes, 3 point shoots and more. All ages from U13's to Open's and we encourage all skill levels to enter and have some fun! Spectators can enjoy this family-friendly event for free, with teams paying a small team fee to enter. <https://clb3x3.com/>

Ernie Hastie Memorial at the Motorplex, 2 & 3 May

Round 3 and 4 of the HQ Racing WA Championships, incorporating the annual Ernie Hastie Memorial Race, will be held over two days at Collie Motorplex this weekend. The Ernie Hastie Memorial consists of two qualifiers and six races over the two days, with gates open 9am both days. The event is also the State Championship Rounds for Hyundai Excels, Formula Classic, Formula Vee, Historic Touring Cars, HQ Holdens, Improved Production Cars, Saloon Cars, Sports/Street Cars, Modern and Historic Regularity. Adults \$5 entry, free entry for kids. For more information, contact [Motoring South West](#).

Anniversary Tour Over 55 Cycling - Perth to Busselton ride via Harvey, Australind, Bunbury & Capel), 4 & 5 May

The Over 55 Cycling Club is celebrating its 35 anniversary with a massive ride from Perth to Busselton, via Bunbury Geographe. This pedal-powered club for mature age cyclists will visit the historic town of Yarloop and then on to the beautiful township of Harvey, staying overnight at the Harvey Recreation and Cultural Centre. Riders will lunch at the French Bakery or enjoy a Devonshire Tea at the historic Stirling Cottage on the banks of the Harvey River. Those seeking a challenge will tackle the steep 40 k return ride to the beautiful Logue Brook Dam or enjoy a shorter ride to the picturesque Harvey Dam and Amphitheatre. After a hearty breakfast, riders will travel the beautiful farm areas of Wokalup, Benger and Brunswick Junction, stopping at the White Rock Historic Dairy

Farm and Museum. Then through the township of Australind and onto Bunbury for an overnight at P.C. Payne Park after a leisurely ride around the Leschenault Inlet. On Day 4, riders will head south to Dalyellup before crossing the highway and cycling through the quiet country roads of Gelorup Rise and the Tuart Forests of Capel, before arriving in Busselton. <https://o55perth.bike/>

South West Junior Hockey Championships, 30 May – 1 June

The South West Junior Hockey Championships has grown into one of the biggest carnivals in Australia with over 140 teams travelling to Bunbury to participate in the 3 day event. In 2020, more than 130 teams (almost 1800 players) from across WA will take part in 470 games, across 12 divisions.. <https://www.bunburyhockey.org.au/south-west-junior-championships/>

State Youth Games, 30 May – 1 June

State Youth Games is a weekend of fun, friendship and plenty of sport held in Bunbury (aka Funbury!) on the WA Day long weekend each May/June. Run by On Mission Games in partnership with Youth Vision for people aged 16 to 28 years, SYG has been going since 1987, bringing together about 1000 people from around WA. Head to Hay Park to see participants compete in a variety of different sports from the more physical such as football, netball, soccer and volleyball; to those not as physically demanding such as fishing, bocce and scrabble. <https://www.omgames.com.au/state-youth-games>

FIND CULTURE

SW Times Art 2020: 14 Feb to 27 April

Bunbury Regional Art Gallery's biennial South West Survey exhibition, South Western Times Art 2020 will kick off on February 14, featuring 68 of the region's artists. The exhibition's opening night will see live music and food vans take over the City's renowned art Gallery, while guests will be able to enjoy beers from Otherside Brewing Co and Geographe wines. This year's exhibition has been curated by Lee Kinsella, writer and curator of the Cruthers Collection of Women's Art at the Lawrence Wilson Art Gallery of UWA and judged by Professor Ted Snell . <https://www.brag.org.au/>

Collie Art Prize, 29 Feb – 5 April

The \$50,000 Collie Art Prize CAP 2020 is one of Australia's richest regional art prizes. The winner will be announced at an invitation only Gala Event at the Collie Art Gallery on Saturday, 29 February. CAP is an exhibition of diverse works from all across Australia that explores the theme of Identity, and attracts amazing entries from artists with diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds. Works of finalists will be on display at the Collie Art Gallery from March 1st to April 5th 2020. Visitors can also vote for the 'People's Choice' award. <https://www.collieartgallery.org.au/>

Bunbury Chinese New Year Festival – 7 March

We're painting the City red and celebrating the Year of the Rat at one of Bunbury's biggest street festivals, Bunbury Chinese New Year. Head to Victoria Street to enjoy family fun, Chinese activities and performances, dragon dancing, have go activities, delicious food vans, the Chinese shop with tastings and much more for both young and old. Established in 1967, this Festival is about having a go, trying something new and experiencing Chinese culture with your hands, your eyes and your heart. <http://www.bunburychinesenewyearfestival.com.au/>

Stormie Mills *Who's Name Was Writ In Water* - 6 March - 10 May

Leading Perth street and visual artist, Stormie Mills presents *Whose name was writ in water*. Ever conscious of his own youth spent making works in and on the streets and its inherent lack of permanence this exhibition has been inspired by his exploration of John Keats and the mythology of youth. Testament to Stormie's collector base in Australia in the past five years his shows have sold out in Perth, Sydney and Melbourne. His whimsical works are also represented in galleries around

Australia and Stormie's private and public commissions light up streetscapes from Perth to Scotland to downtown Richmond USA. <https://www.brag.org.au/>

Moscow Ballet La Classique- Sleeping Beauty, 8 March

Moscow Ballet La Classique return to BREC with the ballet's most loved fairy tale. Founded in 1990, La Classique combines ballet mastery, lavish costumes and magnificent stage sets to bring exceptional ballets to the stage. In 2020, La Classique will take us on a mystical journey to the fairy tale world of Princess Aurora, the Sleeping Beauty. Composed by Tchaikovsky in 1889, Sleeping Beauty focuses on the conflicting forces of good and evil against the backdrop of one of the world's most famous scores. La Classique's 2 act fairy tale performance will be a fantastic evening for the whole family as they capture the imagination, passion and magic of sleeping beauty.

<https://www.bunburyentertainment.com/>

John Creasy, Messy Bitch @ BREC, 24 April

Joel Creasey, Australia's Crown Prince of Comedy, hits Bunbury for his first WA performance of his latest stand up show Messy Bitch. You'll know Joel from his sashaying down a red carpet wearing something extravagant with several champagnes under his belt, or from his numerous television appearances: Eurovision, Mardi Gras, Take Me Out or Show Me the Movie. Perhaps you saw his global Netflix special or read his autobiography Thirsty? However, live on stage is where you get to meet the real Joel. The unfiltered and unscripted Joel, who'll regale you with tales from his life in and out of the spotlight. It will get messy 'cos, like us all, he really is a Messy Bitch.

<https://www.bunburyentertainment.com/>

BREC Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow, 30 May

Australia's favourite comedy convoy is locked, loaded and hitting every corner of the country. Join the diverse line-up of the hottest acts direct from the Melbourne International Comedy Festival for a very special show that is sure to tickle everyone's funny bone. Featuring a cast of Australian stars, talented newcomers and special guest international performers, we're home-delivering Australia's largest comedy festival in one jam-packed night of the biggest and best belly laughs you'll have all year. We'll announce the line-up in the New Year so stay tuned!

<https://www.bunburyentertainment.com/>

FIND EAT DRINK

Film on Ferguson, 18 February & 6 March

Join [Saint Aidan Wines](http://www.saintaidan.com.au) for a night under the moon and stars at their ever-popular Film on the Ferguson outdoor cinema evenings. On 18 February, the family will delight in the antics of *Dolittle* or WW2 movie *Midway* on 7 March. Bring a rug and a picnic or order one of the hampers for 2 people from the winery, find a spot and relax under the stars while enjoying a glass or two of St Aidan's finest. No BYO alcohol. Gates open 5.30pm and the movie commences at 7.30pm. For further information contact the winery on 9728 3007, or www.saintaidan.com.au

Bunbury Beer & Cider Festival, 22 & 23 Feb

The Bunbury Beer & Cider Festival sails back into Koombana Bay after two sold out events. We're stoked to see another WA line-up of sweet brews on the water's edge including 50+ Beers, ciders, eats and beats. 2020 brings the addition of a heap of new and fun activities including show rides, carnival games, lawn games, ping pong and Caravan karaoke (How many times can you say that you've sung Karaoke in a Caravan). Be sure to visit The Arcade Diner, featuring classic arcade machines and an old school diner menu with the ultimate view of Koombana Bay. Tickets for both days are FREE, but you must RSVP to secure entry.

- BREWS BY THE BAY (18+), Saturday 22 February, 2-9pm: Saturday is for the big kids, so you'll need to leave the little ones at home. Chill out beach-side and quench your thirst with our all local WA line-up of sweet brews.
- SUNDAY SESH, Sunday 23 February, 12-6pm: The title says it all. The perfect Sunday Sesh on the beach paired with brews, beats and eats. Minors welcome so long as they are accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.

Chefs Long Table Lunch, 23 February

Bunbury's must do foodie and charity event returns for 2020. The Chefs Long Table Lunch - always the last Sunday in February is now in its 16th year of helping the South West community achieve its goals. Experience a stunning afternoon under a marquee overlooking Leschenault Inlet savouring an exquisite 8-course degustation, delicious local wine, fabulous entertainment (think Michael Martin), and an exciting auction for a great cause! Under the guidance of WA Food Ambassador Don Hancey, Leonie Kershaw and local guru chef Breton Pike, a team of Western Australia's top chefs donate their time and expertise to coordinate the menu and food. An all-inclusive ticket for the event includes an eight-course banquet designed by WA leading chefs, selection of beverages, and live entertainment. Visit chefslongtable.com.au for tickets

Willow Bridge Harvest Tasting – 21 February

Willow Bridge Estate has been quickly recognised as one of the bright lights on the WA wine scene since being set up in 1996 on a spectacular hillside site in the Ferguson Valley. Learn more about Willow Bridge's harvest with a walk in the vineyard followed by an exclusive tasting of the finished product with the senior winemaker, Kim Horton. Kim has a firm belief that wines are made in the vineyard, the better the understanding of the vineyard and its unique characteristics, the better the wines reflect the soil and the climate. 3pm-4.30pm. \$25 per adult. \$15 for Wine Club Members. Pre-paid tickets only, none available on the day. <https://www.willowbridge.com.au/>

Cooking with Brenton, 1 March, 5 April, 3 May, 7 June

Feeling a little rusty or uninspired in the kitchen? Spend some time with acclaimed chef, Brenton Pyke of Market Eating House Right On Burgers and Market On The Road. Each session will explore the true meaning of seasonality with a focus produce in its most nourishing and delicious form. Classes are a very intimate size of 10 and conclude with a sit down, family-style lunch served with a selection of local beverages. Tickets are \$250 per person and can be reserved by emailing reservations@marketeatinghouse.com.au.

- From the Garden - 1 March
- From the Fire – 5 April
- The Classics – 3 May
- The Classic – 7 June.

Dinner in the Vines, 13 March

Secure your exclusive tickets to an intimate evening in Saint Aidan Wines Muscat canopy as they celebrate the approaching end of Vintage Harvest 2020. Savour a 5 course degustation style menu exquisitely matched to a selection of estate wines, with an acoustic performance by Hadassah. Tickets are \$160 inclusive of drinks, meal and entertainment and strictly limited to 50 guests only! Transfers can be arranged from Bunbury or contact [South West Tourist Services - SWTS](#) and [Hinterland Escapes](#).

Dinner at Dusk Bunbury & Australind – various dates through to May

Join us for our new season of Dinner at Dusk Bunbury and Australind. Enjoy a night under the stars with the best range of food trucks, live music, entertainment and an ambience you will love. You can expect to find Indian, Middle Eastern, Turkish, Mexican, Japanese, Egyptian, Thai, Canadian, American, English, Chinese, Indonesian and perhaps even a little Australian cuisine in there. With options for sugar free, paleo, vegan, vegetarian, keto and organic needs catered for. Bring a blanket

and set up with family and friends on the grass, or take up a seat at one of our complimentary tables and chairs.

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