

"Friday I tasted life. It was a vast morsel. A citrus passed the house - I still feel the red in my mind." *Emily Dickinson*



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April 30 - May 2



Connecting the Community Through Arts + Culture

Festival Launch Party

30 APRIL, 6pm - 10pm

A traditional welcome to acknowledge our shared history and culture is a Stretch tradition and the opening celebration of the 2010 festival will be no exception. With a festival theme of Senses, the evening will tantalise both your nerve endings and imagination alike! Join this community gathering and immerse yourself in heritage, contemporary dance and program vignettes before dancing the night away with Mr & Sun Bird.

Free event. Entry will be by ticket only available from the City of Mandurah, Mandurah Library and Falcon eLibrary.



Thank You

The Stretch Festival is presented by the City of Mandurah with the invaluable support of a range of funding bodies, sponsors, artists and supporters. Without this generous contribution it would not be possible to present such a diverse festival program.



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Falcon eLibrary and Community Centre

SHARING THE EDGE - EXHIBITION OF WRITTEN WORKS 30 APRIL - 14 MAY

Immerse yourself in emotive prose capturing the landscapes of Lake Clifton and Yalgorup National Park resulting from creative writing workshops facilitated by Annamaria Weldon with local participants and community groups including Scribblers writing group and Community First International Ability Arts group.

Funding partner: Country Arts WA and Community First International.

SHARING THE EDGE - INSTALLATION 30 APRIL - 14 MAY

Read me, touch me, breathe me! Textile artist Esther Workman interprets the Sharing the Edge creative writing inspired by Annamaria Weldon for an engaging outdoor installation in the Falcon eLibrary courtyard which reflects upon both Lake Clifton and the architectural bookshelves of a library.

Artist: Esther Workman. Participating writers.

THE ART OF WRITING FIELD NOTES

A NATURALIST'S PERSPECTIVE 8 MAY, 11am - 1pm

Laurie Smith, a naturalist/zoologist with 50 years experience, will present the historical background to the development of our knowledge about the fauna of the Swan Coastal Plain and offer suggestions as to how you might, as a naturalist, add to that knowledge. Afternoon tea provided.

Free event. Entry by ticket only available from the City of Mandurah and Falcon eLibrary and Community Centre.

ROLE MODELS 6 MAY, 6pm - 8pm

Interested in a career in fashion or textile design? Established and emerging textile and fashion designers will unveil their paths to creative success and showcase original works with the aid of Metro Modelling Agency and Waterlily Beauty and Makeup.

Free event. Register with Rebecca Nelson on 9550 3840.

Mandurah Community Museum

INDIGO BLUE 27 APRIL - 7 MAY

View a collection of raw sketches depicting historically based skits written, acted and directed by Stray Cats Theatre Company. Also included are still life sketches of composed artefacts from the museum, brought to life by Museum Development Officer Nicholas Reynolds.

Artists: Aiveen O'Donovan, Debra Petit, Jill Fryer, Tish Oldham, Silvia Stonehouse, Deanne Milburn, Belinda Smith, Deb Hiller, Donna Stack, Linda Jones, Sue Grey-Smith, Ian Eaton, Pat MacDonald, Carolyn Gent, Pamela Chambers, Trudi Whitcher, and Graeme Wilde.

Christ's Church

THE SPOOKY MEN OF THE WEST AND FRED SMITH 23 APRIL, 7.30pm

Be spooked by this award winning all male, black clad choir as they pay irreverent masculine homage to some popular songs before stunning you with their mastery delivery of exquisite Georgian folk songs. The lads will be joined by Fred Smith for some Urban Sea Shanties.

Tickets: \$25 general, \$15 concession, available from Christ's Church: 9535 6152.

SING LIKE A BLOKE 24 APRIL, 10.30am - 12 noon

Join the Spooky Men of the West who will offer a sturdy handshake and help you 'Sing like a Bloke' as well as teach you the Georgian style of close harmony. A choral workshop like no other! Women also welcome!

Tickets: \$20 general, \$15 concession, available from Christ's Church: 9535 6152.

RESONANCE 1 MAY, 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Christ's Church in Sholl Street is an atmospheric venue for choral performances. Join the combined choirs of the Mandurah City Choral Society and Community First International and guests for a resonating evening of song, bell ringing and poetry - an aural feast!

Performers: Mandurah City Choral Society, the CFI'ers, Mandurah Bell Ringers, Annamaria Weldon.

Free event. Entry will be by ticket only available from the City of Mandurah and Christ's Church on 9535 6152.

YOUR CREATIVE SPIRIT

30 APRIL, 2pm; 1 MAY, 10am & 2pm; 2 MAY, 2pm

Explore art with a series of four, free, sensory focused art workshops conducted by expert practitioners: Creative Spirituality, Icons and Spirituality, Music and Spirituality and Crafts and Spirituality.

Facilitators: The Revd Ron Attley, The Revd Carol Reid, The Revd Dr Desiree Snyman and The Revd Bob Booth.

Free event. Entry will be by ticket only available from Christ's Church on 9535 6152.

Smart Street Mall

MALL MEMORIES 29 APRIL - 2 MAY

Walk, look and listen along Mandurah's Smart Street Mall, where writers and artists will take you on a journey covering the mall's incredible history as recalled through a series of oral histories collected from the Mandurah community by Janet Baker and the Mandurah Community Museum.

Funding partner: Catalyst program managed by Community Arts Network (WA) on behalf of the State of Western Australia through the Department of Culture and the Arts.

Project Coordinator: Carol Nicolson.

Assistant Coordinator: Linda Jones.

Artists: Fish Gill, Tich Dixon, Lyn Dickman and the Estuary Artists, Benedict Guilhom with Riverside Primary School and Frederick Irwin Anglican Primary School, Sonja Doyle and Halls Head Primary School, Carmel Sayer and A Brush with Art students, Trudi Whitcher, Silvia Stonehouse, Cathy Isbister, Jade Dearie, Rebekah Winning, Esther Workman, Scribblers writing group and Deb Hiller.

Eastern Foreshore

PERCEPTIONS 1-2 MAY

Colour, scent, sound, texture! Invigorate all your senses as you explore the installation stations scattered along the Eastern Foreshore. The elitism of 'visual arts' is smashed as the artists lure you in to engage in the artworks regardless of your sensory abilities.

Funding partner: Festivals Australia, an Australian Government program which supports cultural activity at regional and community festivals.

Project Coordinator: Tish Oldham.

Artists: Tish Oldham and Jan Oldham, Fish Gill and Riverside Primary School, Carol Clitheroe and Nulsen Haven, Warren East, Jill Fryer, Debra Petit, Sheila Monaghan, Evi Ferrier and Rocky Bay, Gary Aitken and the Mandjar Artisans, Silvia Stonehouse and Bilyidar Students, Sandy McKendrick, Toni Davis and Community First International, Tich Dixon, Barbara Pannell, Judith Gardiner, Wendy Fischer and Deb Hiller.

TREE COSIE 2 1-2 MAY

The Nattering Knitters have once again transformed the landscape with yarn using their traditional skills, to create scarves and critters to warm your hearts and cockles. All sales proceeds go the Peel Health Campus Children's Ward.

Project coordinators: Barbara Pannell and Judith Gardiner.

Nattering Knitters: Margaret Billings, Tina Brooks, Val Carey, Maureen Flynn, Edna Hogan, Lyn Keeffe, Kim, June Nieth and Lyn Schapper.

DRAW WITH ME PAINT WITH ME 1-2 MAY

Tap into your creative spirit and join the Mandjar Artisans to paint and draw the shores of beautiful Mandjar Bay and the fun of Festival Square.

PULSE AND WASAMBA 2 MAY, 11am & 1pm

Explosive acrobatics and daring trampoline acts performed by our young circus artists. Pulse will erupt along the southern end of the Eastern Foreshore, stimulating nerve endings and heartbeats to the rhythm of Wasamba. A performance not to be missed!

LARVACIDAL MANIACS: THE SUPA DUPA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICERS OF THE ELITE MOZZIE SQUASH SQUAD 30 APRIL, 6pm; 1 MAY, 12pm & 2 MAY

The normally quiet and safe city of Mandurah has been besieged by a dangerous and ruthless enemy. Arriving by air in their millions in pursuit of leisure and pleasure, their biting and unrelenting attack on the good folk of Mandurah could change life as we know it. One small, brave band of men and women has set out to make a stand against this destructive force. Join the supa dupa, environmental protection officers of the elite Mozzie Squash Squad on the Eastern Foreshore and cheer them on as they use their insecticidal prowess against the enemy.

Writer: Troy Williams.

Director: Sean Walsh

Choreographer: Sharon Michau.

Actors: Warren Read, Sean Read, Trick Cole, Monique Kinest, Graham Cole, Maddison Read and the XS Dance Studio.

MOVING ART PARADE - presented by Act-Belong-Commit 2 MAY, 11.30am

Bring along your ties, tutu's and tassels and join Dianna Oliver and the Community First International artists to shake your moves with the percussion sounds of Wasamba as the annual Moving Art Parade presented by Act-Belong-Commit weaves its way along the Eastern Foreshore to the heart of Festival Square. Parade starts at the Rotunda.

CULTURAL TOURS 1 MAY, 11am & 12.30pm

Join local Nyoongar historian George Walley on a free guided tour along Mandjar Bay when he will share his cultural heritage and environmental observations. Starting point at Mandurah Visitors Centre on Mandurah Terrace.

MUSIC TUITION 1-2 MAY

Fulfill your musical dreams with some relaxed tuition under the trees in guitar, keyboard and voice with S.B. Music.

BUSKER MOVE! 1-2 MAY

Be entertained by Mandurah's home grown busking talent at the busking stations along the Eastern Foreshore.

CONNECTIVITY DANCE 2 MAY, 3pm

Hit the southern end of the foreshore and just kick back and watch the walkway. You never know what you might connect with!

Performers: XS Dance Studio.

SCITECH 1-2 MAY

Explore your senses through science and play. Scitech brings to Stretch an array of interactive activities for the young and young at heart. Come prepared to be challenged!

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

BRAD RIMMER - ESTUARY: & the land between 9 APRIL - 2 MAY

For hundreds, possibly thousands of years, Mandurah (a name which stems from the Nyoongar word for meeting place - Mandjar) has been a location where people have lived or made a summer pilgrimage to. Through this exhibition, Brad investigates the Mandurah summer of 2010, photographing the people and cultural fabric of this idiosyncratic place. The significance of new suburbia on the estuarial topography that makes Mandurah the unique place it is: where fresh water and sea water meet.

BRAD RIMMER - ARTIST TALK 2 MAY, 2pm

Brad Rimmer describes his photographic journey with Mandurah landscapes and locals; he will take you into our homes and lives with his images resulting from evening bog laps to late afternoon dinghy jaunts. An insightful experience not to be missed.

FLIGHT 29 APR - 2 MAY

It is estimated that domestic violence is experienced by one in four families in Australia. The victims and the damage go unrecognised. Both security and shame are the reasons why stories of the many thousands of women and their families who experience domestic violence remain hidden from the wider community. 'Flight' has created a rare opportunity to provide an intimate insight into this cloaked world, made possible because art is used as the communications medium. View a series of installations that have resulted from women sharing skills with local artists to express their physical and mental journeys.

A collaborative project between Pat Thomas Memorial Community House Inc. and the City of Mandurah with funding through the Catalyst program managed by Community Arts Network (WA) on behalf of the State of Western Australia through the Department of Culture and the Arts.

Project Coordinators: Anne Bennetts and Tich Dixon.

Project Facilitators: Annamaria Weldon, Gary Aitken, Tich Dixon, and Barbara Pannell with participating artists.

MEMBRANE 1-2 MAY

This temporary installation showcases food as an art medium and is a modest step in raising a deeper awareness of the complex nature (structure, culture, history, values) of the ordinary everyday things that we eat and take for granted.

Artists: Bridget Waters, Coral Lowry, Nicole Andrijevic.

BOOBS AND BELLIES 1-2 MAY

Murdoch School of Nursing third year students reveal sculptural creations and personal thoughts of the journey of pregnancy and birth.

Project Coordinator: Caroline Nelson.

BORNING 1-2 MAY

A collaborative project between the Murdoch School of Nursing third year students and senior Nyoongar women that explores, through the medium of paint, the birth experience.

Project Coordinator: Caroline Nelson.

IN THIS - DANCE WORKSHOPS 1 MAY, ALL SITES 10am - 11.30am

Claudia Alessi returns to Mandurah after her post as the Artistic Director of The Australian Youth Dance Festival held in Mandurah in April 2009. Claudia and her dancers will be offering dance and physical theatre workshops to those interested in participating.

Movement workshop for dancers with disabilities - Fishtrap Theatre. Contemporary dance workshop - Mandurah Senior College. Indigenous movement and acrobatics - Nellie Regan Hall.

Free event. Register with Rebecca Nelson on 9550 3840.



HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL - DANCE WORKSHOPS

1 MAY, 10am WITH PERFORMANCE AT 11.30am; 12.15pm WITH PERFORMANCE AT 1.30pm

Jump in feet first for this series of dance workshops presented by Stray Cats Theatre Company to learn the dance moves to one of the High School Musical numbers. Then line up for an intimate performance for your family and friends. Rehearsed and performed in the Boardwalk Theatre.

Choreographer: Lucy Green.

Free event. Register with Rebecca Nelson on 9550 3840.

ART EXHIBITIONS, DEMONSTRATIONS AND SALES 1-2 MAY

Wonder through the MPAC foyer and delight at the skills of our local arts community and pick up some tips in embroidery, spinning and painting. Join Mandurah Arts and Crafts for their Mother's Day Sale and purchase original art works.

Arts groups: Art a' Peel, Estuary Artists, Impressit Printmakers, Mandurah Arts and Crafts and local fashion artist Lulu Tissu.

PASTORE SISTERS 1-2 MAY

Glass mosaic works from the dynamic duo Jean and June Pastore. Great for gifts and Mother's Day presents.

FRIENDS OF THEATRE TOURS 1-2 MAY

Join the Friends of the Theatre for a tour of MPAC. Head backstage and see where all the performance action takes place! Tours daily.

Festival Square Presented by Act-Belong-Commit

The number one place to hang out over the festival weekend to catch vibe and culture. Check out the bands, performances and workshops and mix it with other festival fans. Bring the kids, rope in the rellies and drag your mates along.

SATURDAY'S GIGS

11.00am Matt Larson
12.00pm Larvacidal Maniacs
12.30pm Knotwork
2.00pm West Coast Circus
2.30pm Mr & Sun Bird

SUNDAY'S GIGS

11.00am Mr & Sunbird
12.00pm Wasamba
12.30pm The John Read Band
2.00pm CFI'ers
2.30pm Ziggi: New Generation

FAMILY FUN!

Immerse yourself in art and culture. Bring the family and try out portraiture, pottery and henna tats or Nyoongar culture, murals and mystery art boxes or basket weaving, glass slumping, chalking and much more. Sit back and settle your tummy with delicious tasty treats from the Lions Club and the Feral Foodies Bush Tucker Mob.

Festival Square is presented by Act-Belong-Commit.

Ac-cent Mandurah

CREATIVE HEALING WORKSHOPS 1-2 MAY, 9am - 12 noon

Art therapist Monica Kotulla-Porter will take you for a gentle guided visualisation journey to uncover your own innate body wisdom. Then under guidance and demonstration you will use painting and drawing mediums to explore and express your life-force energy.

Free event. Register with Rebecca Nelson on 9550 3840.

Venue Guide

Ac-cent Mandurah
Christ's Church
Dance Studio (MPAC)
Falcon eLibrary and Community Centre
Festival Square

Fish Trap Theatre (MPAC)
Mandurah Community Museum
Mandurah Library
Mandurah Senior College
Mandurah Performing Arts Centre
Nellie Regan Hall

Ormsby Terrace
Sholl Street (opposite the Post Office)
Mandurah Performing Arts Centre
Flavia Street

Mandjar Square (Mandurah Performing Arts Centre)
Mandurah Performing Arts Centre
1 Pinjarra Road (by the old traffic bridge)
Pinjarra Road (opposite the shopping centre)
Careilton Place Mandurah
Ormsby Terrace
Peel Street

