



**Margaret River set for a magical 2012 - Tuesday, 17 January 2012**

Welcome to 2012 and another exciting year of new products and events in Western Australia's premier holiday destination: the Margaret River Wine region.

January certainly lends itself to enjoying the spectacular 138km coastline of the Margaret River region, getting up close and personal with nature, attending the many outdoor events and indulging in a local drop or two. Summer doesn't disappoint down south and we've captured a snippet of this magical recipe below.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous 2012.

**Warm Regards**

Cory & the Augusta Margaret River Tourism Association Team

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**What's On**



**Movies in the Vineyard 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2011, to 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2012**

**Cape Mentelle, Margaret River**

In its first year the Movies in the Vineyard at Cape Mentelle became one of the most popular and iconic events for the region – drawing more than 10,000 moviegoers! The sensational second season of movie magic under the stars this summer will bring another exciting mix of arthouse and quality commercial films. Guests can relax on the winery lawns that slope gently towards the screen and enjoy a glass of Cape Mentelle wine

along with a picnic before the movie.

Contact information: For ticket sales and film information visit [www.lunapalace.com.au](http://www.lunapalace.com.au).

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## **Yallingup Surf Film Festival 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2012**

### ***Various locations in Yallingup and Dunsborough***

The Yallingup Surf Film Festival allows the surfing community to share their creativity in the exploration and celebration of surf culture. In 2012 a program with nine feature films, live music, auctions, art exhibitions, fancy dress surfing competition, workshops and other interactive activities has been put together across a variety of stunning locations. The event is inspired by a love for the ocean and a commitment to preserve the living environment – what better place to do it than in the Margaret River region where art, waves and nature thrive!

Contact information: [www.yallingupsurfilm.com.au](http://www.yallingupsurfilm.com.au) or +61 8 9755 2909

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## **Western Australian Circus Festival 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2012**

### ***Karridale***

Lunar Circus is back in the Margaret River region for 3 days of circus, music, comedy and cabaret excitement. Enjoy non-stop shows from around the world and celebrate the magic of the circus! Before the fun and madness begins at the festival you can even enroll in Circus Festival Training (15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>) with some of the stars. Come on down to the region to live and breathe the circus. You can even camp onsite.

Contact information: [www.lunarcircus.com](http://www.lunarcircus.com) or Cath Wood on +61 8 9758 4174 or [cathwood@westnet.com.au](mailto:cathwood@westnet.com.au)

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## **What's On Soon**



## **Busselton Jetty Swim and Fiesta 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February**

### ***Busselton Jetty***

Soak up the atmosphere surrounding the premier ocean swim in Western Australia, around the newly refurbished and iconic Busselton Jetty. Since 1996, the Busselton Jetty Swim has grown from a local event to an internationally recognised occasion attracting in excess of 1000 competitors. Held over two days with entertainment, activities and family-friendly fun, the main event paddles into action on the morning of Sunday 5th February 2011. Be a part of this iconic event and enter the best jetty swim in the world.

Contact details: Information and entry details available at [www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au](http://www.busseltonjettyswim.org.au)

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## Leeuwin Estate Concert: Marina Prior & David Hobson 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2012

*Leeuwin Estate, Margaret River*

The second edition of the 2011/2012 Leeuwin Estate Concert Series sees the return of the event's classical origins with the marvelous soprano, Marina Prior, and tenor, David Hobson. Perth Symphony Orchestra will be joining the duo and James Morison is bringing his 11-piece band to entertain the crowds well into the evening. Between them this year's lineup have performed for Queen Elizabeth II and Princess Anne, played lead roles in Les Miserables and Phantom of the Opera and received ARIA awards – that is only a snippet of their amazing accomplishments in the entertainment industry. This splendid evening of fine food and wine matched with stunning performances is an evening not to be missed.

Contact details: [www.leeuwinestate.com.au](http://www.leeuwinestate.com.au) or +61 8 9759 0000.

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## South West Craft Beer Festival 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 3 Oceans Palandri Winery

For the first time ever the best of the south west craft breweries will come together for a celebration of the region's produce, music and beer! In a region that is so famous around the world for its premium wines, Margaret River has an expanding microbrewery community with the eighth operator, Cheeky Monkey, about to open next month. This inaugural event will be held on neutral territory at 3 Oceans Palandri Winery smack bang in the middle of the Margaret River Wine Region. An anticipated 3,000 festival goers will visit the South West Craft Beer Festival over the course of the weekend. The weather will be warm and the ales will be flowing.

Contact details: [www.swbeerfest.com.au](http://www.swbeerfest.com.au) or +61 8 9756 5656

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## Upcoming Events

DATE	JANUARY	VENUE
1 <sup>st</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	Movies in the Vineyard	Cape Mentelle, Walcliffe Margaret River
Every Sat & Sun	Marchand & Burch Exclusive Tasting Sessions	Howard Park & Mad Fish V Miamup Rd, Cowaramup
17 <sup>th</sup>	Munk	Sea Gardens Cafe, Mitchell Prevelly
18 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret River Indoor Cinema: Winnie the Pooh	Margaret River Cultural C Walcliffe Rd
19 <sup>th</sup>	Circus Skills Workshop with Simon Walsh	Augusta and Margaret Libraries

19 <sup>th</sup>	Georgi Kay	Settlers Tavern, Bussell Highway, Margaret River
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sons of May with Husband	Settlers Tavern, Bussell Highway, Margaret River
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yallingup Surf Film Festival	Various locations in Yallingup and Dunsborough
20 <sup>th</sup>	Emirates Western Force Fundraiser Luncheon	Vasse Felix, Caves Rd, Cowaramup
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	A French Butler Called Smith	Settlers Tavern, Bussell Highway, Margaret River
21 <sup>st</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lunar Circus Returns	Karridale Festival Site
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Town Square Markets	Town Square, Bussell Highway, Margaret River
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Coby Grant	Settlers Tavern, Bussell Highway, Margaret River
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret River Indoor Cinema: The Guard	Margaret River Cultural Centre, Walcliffe Rd
25 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret River Indoor Cinema: Dolphin Tale	Margaret River Cultural Centre, Walcliffe Rd
26 <sup>th</sup>	Australia Day Lunch at Voyager Estate	Voyager Estate, Stevens Rd, Margaret River
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret River Indoor Cinema: The First Grader	Margaret River Cultural Centre, Walcliffe Rd
29 <sup>th</sup>	Town Square Markets	Town Square, Bussell Highway, Margaret River
31 <sup>st</sup>	Dave and Bec Mann	Sea Gardens Cafe, Mitchell Drive, Prevelly

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## What's Hot



### New Product Alert: BoHo Bar

BoHo's roots are embedded in the Bohemian past of Margaret River. Relax in style and comfort with a menu featuring world-class local produce in conjunction with a wine list that is both fresh and unique. BoHo Bar operates under a small bar licence which allows you to drink without a meal. You are invited to indulge in a divine south western wine or locally brewed beer, or even a cocktail done the BoHo way.

View their operator page on the Margaret River Visitor Centre [website](#).

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### New Product Alert: Credaro Family Estate

Recently opened Credaro Family Estate is nestled on the ridge of Yallingup and home to picturesque views over the Wildwood Valley on Caves Road. A visit here will allow you the chance to immerse yourself in the history of the family in the region over the past 90 years and an opportunity to taste the premium range of wines. Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy wines on the large lawned area overlooking the Wildwood valley. The cellar door is open daily from 10.30am to 5pm.

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### New Product Alert: Naturaliste Charters Eco Wilderness Adventure Tours

Naturaliste Charters have been offering epic whale watching experiences for many years in the Margaret River region. The whales have left for the season and now you have the chance to get up close and personal with the magical waters and coastline of Geographe Bay on an eco wilderness adventure tour. Jump aboard the Observer and experience the fastest and most exciting tour boat in the south west while spotting seals, dolphins and native bird life. You'll also see Cape Naturaliste and other spectacular rock formations, all combining to make this the idyllic summer experience.

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### New Product Alert: The Break Wine Bar

One of the Margaret River region's most luxurious retreats is now offering locals and visitors the opportunity to indulge in their lounge bar. The Break Wine Bar is now open at Windmills Break in Yallingup. Drinks are served daily from midday and seasonal tapas are available every Thursday to Monday from 2pm. For more information please contact the team at Windmills Break on 9755 2341. Everybody deserves a bit of luxury!

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### Margaret River beers nominated among nation's BEST

2011 was the biggest and best year yet for craft beer in Margaret River. With our eighth and newest microbrewery Cheeky Monkey about to open and the inaugural South West Craft Beer Festival to be held next month it seems only fair that local beers (Eagle Bay, Colonial, Duckstein, Bush Shack, Cowaramup and Bootleg) have been nominated among the nation's finest. **Vote** for a Margaret River drop in the fourth annual Local Taphouse Hottest 100 poll, run in partnership with The Crafty Pint and Australian Brews News!

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