

Brr...Brr...Bridgetown
presents



Fridgetown Fest



2024



WINTER CAPITAL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AUGUST

www.fridgetownfest.com.au

Welcome to the Fidgetown Fest 2024!

Welcome to the AUGUST edition of FRIDGETOWN FEST 2024, the final month of celebrating all that is wonderful about our winter's down south. With the start of Djilba, with a good mix of cool, clear days and still some rain, it is time for the wildflowers to start emerging. Another reason to come and visit over the next few months!

The Fidgetown Fest August highlights include the much-loved annual Kearnan College Craft Fair, with everything homemade or handmade, a series of One Act Plays at our local Repertory Theatre, roller skating sessions, Wildwater rafting, and of course more wonderful food, music, art and craft.

Whether you're a local looking to enjoy all that your community has to offer, or a tourist seeking a memorable winter experience, we invite you to join us by embracing the cold and joining in the final month of festivities, compiled by the dedicated team of volunteers from the Bridgetown Greenbushes Tourism Association.

Thank you for being a part of Fidgetown Fest 2024.

Fidgetown Fest Committee 2024
Bridgetown Greenbushes Tourism Association (BGTA)

stuff in August

2nd, 3rd & 4th August

Evening and Matinee performances

ONE ACT PLAY FESTIVAL Bridgetown Repertory Club

Warm yourself with a night of short plays of varied genres and themes, at the Bridgetown Repertory Club. Experience the richness of dramatic storytelling in condensed form.

Info: www.facebook.com/BRIDGETOWNRT/ or www.bridgetownrepertoryclub.com.au/

2nd August

7.30pm. No cost

TADPOLE'S KARAOKE AT THE SHAMROCK

Shamrock Hotel, Greenbushes

Come along to Tadpole's Karaoke for a great night. Lots of fun and laughs!

Enquiries tadpoleskaraoke@outlook.com

3rd August

9am-3pm

WINTER CRAFT FAIR BRIDGETOWN Recreation Centre, Steere Street

Showcase of the many talented crafts people in the region. Only handmade or homemade items are sold. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for some early Christmas shopping or to just purchase something unique.

Fundraiser Kearnan College P&F
Enquiries: Monica Spillman 0419167649

4th August

10.30am – 1.30pm, \$99 pp

JOURNAL MAKING

Slow Grow Project
87B Hampton St

Create a hand stitched bound journal using plant dyed papers and offcuts.

All materials provided.

Enjoy nourishing snacks and herbal teas throughout the workshop.

Book: www.slowgrowproject.com/creative-huddles



stuff in August

5th & 19th August

9.30am – 12 noon

BRIDGETOWN HUB COOKING WORKSHOPS

with Tash's Cottage Industries

Cnr Roe & Steere Streets. Parking off Roe Street.

Aug 5th - PUDDINGS & DESSERTS \$10 pp (+bf)

Aug 19th - WINTER VEG & GRAINS \$10pp (+bf)

Both workshops include demonstration, plus hands on help, plus eating!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL.

Book via Humanitix

Enquire: 9761 2139 or admin@bridgetownhub.com.au

9th August

11am - 1pm, \$35

MEMOIR MAGIC WRITING WORKSHOP

with Sarah Evans

The Cidery, Bridgetown

Informal, interactive and fun workshop with multi published author and experienced creative writing teacher, Sarah Evans. Suitable for both beginners and more experienced writers who want to capture their memories for fact, fiction or faction writing.

Bookings: Sarah on 97612156, message on FB or email sarahevanzz@hotmail.com

9th to 31st August

10am - 4pm weekends, 10am - 1pm weekends

RIISING FROM THE BLACKWOOD

Goorbilyup Gallery, Bridgetown Visitor Centre

Railway Station, 11 Stewart St, Bridgetown

Ten contemporary Bridgetown artists working at a professional level; includes Sculpture, Painting, Textiles, Ceramics, Printmaking, Jewellery and Mixed Media, showcasing works from recent Blackwood River Art Trail 2024.

Contact: Visitor Centre 9761 1740

10th August

10am – 1pm. By donation

WA BUSH FIRE MUSEUM

166 Hampton Str, opposite the Fire Station.

The W.A. Bush Fire Museum and Heritage Group is dedicated to collecting, preserving and displaying the history of Volunteer Bush Fire Brigades and other firefighting agencies involved in bush fire prevention and management within Western Australia.

www.bushfiremuseum.org.au

10th August

5:30pm, \$45pp

SOUP 'N' SONGS

Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant

Always a Bridgetown Fest favourite. Swill down a plethora of gourmet soups with artisan breads while lapping up a smorgasbord of songs.

Bookings/enquiries: Pip Mills 0427 611 088

11th, 16th, 25th & 30th August

ROLLER SKATING

Bridgetown Leisure Centre

Friday 16th and 30th 7.30 – 9.30pm \$10 entry

Sunday 11th and 25th 10am – 12pm \$7 entry.

\$5 quad hire (or BYO). Cash only. Kids 12 & under require adult supervision.

Details: www.facebook.com/bridgetownrollerskating

16th to 18th August

Geegeelup Cup/Wildwater State Championships

Blackwood River Park

Cnr Brockman and SW Highway

Exciting spectator event! Several areas of rapids for viewing access.

Contact Paddle WA <https://paddlewa.asn.au/contact-us/> or 9285 8501 for best places.

17th August

10am, \$5pp, free for members GB Comm.Garden

FROM SOIL TO SEED with CHARLES OTWAY

Greenbushes Community Garden, 23 Blackwood St.

Charles Otway will guide you towards a better start of the growing season with his abundant wisdom, experience and knowledge from a permaculture perspective. Come and have your questions ready and your experiences to contribute. Soup and morning tea available, as well as seed and produce swap. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. Membership is \$20 per year.

Booking: <https://events.humanitix.com/from-soil-to-seed-with-charles-otway>

19th August

10am and 1pm, Gold coin donation

GAMES UNPLUGGED

Bridgetown CRC- 150 Hampton St

Come and join in a fun morning or afternoon of playing games. Choose from good old-fashioned games or some of the more modern, plus some new games to play with young ones.

Bookings: Bridgetown CRC website "Events Page" or phone 9761 2712

stuff in August

21st August

5.30pm – 6.15pm

LIVESTREAM KITCHEN TABLE GOSPEL SINGALONG

All are welcome to join Bridgetown singer-songwriter Mary Myfanwy and drummer Daun Crozier, for this intimate, interactive livestream from the cosy Teapot Farm kitchen.

Hosted on Mary's Facebook music page.

24th August

6pm, \$40pp

FOX 'N' FRITH

Bridgetown Pottery Restaurant

With guitar, bass, fiddle, ukulele and vocals, Joe Fox and Eleanor Frith will play a delectable mix of folk and roots music. Including Cajun songs and tunes, and a few quirky originals, this is a recipe that will surely inspire and uplift! A perfect accompaniment to a selection of burgers and fries on a winter's evening. Audience participation encouraged!!

Bookings/enquiries: Pip Mills 0427 611 088

24th August to Sept 1st

Thursday to Sunday 10am to 3pm Gallery hours.

THINGS WE MADE - COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION

THINGS we MAKE - 131 Hampton St

Come in and judge the entries in the latest "Things we Made" exhibition, where all artists use the same base materials to make an artwork to enter in the competition and the winner is chosen by you!

Booking/contact details: Mel on 0459934517 or Facebook - Things we Make Bridgetown WA

25th August

4pm-6pm

TRANSITION BRIDGETOWN OPEN SPACE Waste Reduction in Collaboration with the Bridgetown Greenbushes Shire Uniting Church Hall, Roe St

Changes are afoot about planning for the disposal of waste in our shire, how much we dispose of and where we dispose of it. Come and learn of the latest updates on what's going to affect us all with what we currently throw out and bring your practical and creative ideas on how we can reduce/reuse and recycle our waste.

To register: transitionbridgetown19@gmail.com or via Humanitix Bridgetown events

31st August

Tickets \$5 at the door
6pm

OUCH YOUTH FESTIVAL

Youth from across the district will overcome the "ouch" of performance nerves and showcase their talents at this festival. Enjoy a night of song, dance, music, drama and more. Come and be truly entertained at the OUCH Festival!

Enquiries: Meegan 0421665573

31st August

9am - 11am

ASHBIL COMMUNITY GARDEN PRODUCE STALL AND WORKSHOP 17 Stewart St along the old railway line.

Freshly picked organic, spray-free produce, available for a small donation. Preserves and seeds also available. Tea, coffee and homemade goodies if you would like to stay for a chat. From 9.30 – 10.30 - garden workshop. See FB page for details or notices at IGA, the Library, Blackwood Fresh, and Ashbil Gardens.

Also, BLACKWOOD ENVIRONMENT SOCIETY (BES) PLANT SALE

Huge range of endemic plants, prices from \$1.10 - \$4.50 (eftpos and cash). BES is a not-for-profit Landcare nursery that relies on volunteers and plant sales to operate. Free copy of 'On the Blackwood' with each purchase.

Enquiries: Kylie Garde: kyliegarde82@gmail.com

31st September

Free, 5pm at The Donnelly River Village Workers Club

WORK IN PROGRESS PERFORMANCE: FLOEUR ALDER and artist/musician KORIN GATH with guests, Choreographer, Director, Teacher PHILLIPPA CLARKE and movement mentor MATTHEW MORRIS take part in the Donnelly Verandah Residencies.

Floeur Alder will be undertaking a three-week artist in residence at Donnelly River in July and August with the aim of creating a new solo work. Floeur Alder and Korin Gath will be holding dance, wood and wire workshops throughout the residency, sharing skills with the community.

Info: www.thedonnelyverandahresidencies.com/

14th September

Sunset at Syd's

Celebrating the end of winter at a secret location. Delight your senses as the sun sets on winter with local food and beverages. Very limited tickets.

To check for availability email sunsetatsids@gmail.com



Throughout the Festival

Every day

FREE, bookings not required, can be done any time

BRIDGETOWN & GREENBUSHES WALK TRAILS

Many trails available... long, short, bitumen or bush. Pack a raincoat. Winter is a beautiful time to be out in the bush, or to follow the history of our towns through the buildings that remain.

www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/explore/visit-bridgetown.aspx

Every day

FREE, bookings not required, can be done any time

BRIDGETOWN & GREENBUSHES ART TRAILS

We are a haven for artists! Follow the map to find all the artworks around the streets of Bridgetown and Greenbushes.

www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/explore/visit-bridgetown.aspx

Every day

\$3/book, bookings not required, can be done any time

BRIDGETOWN HERITAGE TRAIL

We are the only heritage listed town in the South West. Follow the history of Bridgetown with a detailed booklet, filling in the stories of the area.

www.bridgetown.wa.gov.au/explore/visit-bridgetown.aspx

Every day

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GEOCACHE PUZZLETOWN

The biggest treasure hunt in the world is also here in Bridgetown. It's free, it's easy and it's called geocaching. To learn more and download the free official app visit geocaching.com/playyou'll be hooked!

Enquiries: puzzletown6255@iinet.net.au

Every day

WINTER IS HERE - SO ARE SOUPS FATS 179 Hampton St

A weekly delightfully different soup special.

Dine-in (delivery and T/A available)
FATS 9761 2313 or 0413 024 941

Every day

BELLS OF BRIDGETOWN

Listen out for the Bells of Bridgetown ringing the Angelus at midday and 6pm each day. The original bell is located at Elysian, Bridgetown, where guests have the opportunity to ring the bell.

Details: www.elysianbridgetown.com/ring-the-founding-bell.html

Every day

9am-8pm. Spot light viewing by night.
18+ \$5, 80+ free. Please feed the Honesty Frog

PERRIER SCULPTURE GARDEN BRIDGETOWN 2 Dreyfus Street

Drive into the roundabout and feel free to explore the sculptures. Over 30 sculptures by award winning sculptor Kim Perrier who is represented in national and state galleries. Cast bronze. Lightweight concrete. Wood. Carbon. Metal. Stone. Exotic materials.

Enquiries: 0467 421 782 or 0418 611 130

**THE 2024
DONNELLY
VERANDAH RESIDENCIES**

June - August

FLOEUR ALDER
ROB GEAR
SUE LEEMING
HOLLY O'MEEHAN
JILL PAYNTER-O'MEEHAN
CIM SEARS

find out more about the residency artists
For updates, workshops, performance and other information, and images of works in progress please visit:
thedonnellyverandahresidencies.com

**GRAB A
FRIDGETOWN FEST SOUVENIR**

Cute reusable hot/cold cups featuring our rugged-up bear, perfect for a warming beverage on a cold and misty morning.

Only \$10.95, with five great colours to choose from, plus find a bonus chocolate treat inside!

Free delivery to your Bridgetown accommodation, or collect from a central point if

COLD MORNING, HOT DRINK

bridgetownhighpand@gmail.com - a Bridgetown High School P&C initiative

Throughout the Festival

Every day

10am - 2pm | \$5 adult, \$3 child, \$12 family

PUZZLETOWN6255

154 Hampton Street, Bridgetown

Come and be wow'ed by the largest collection of completed jigsaw puzzles in the southern hemisphere. Play the huge marble run, test your speed puzzling skills, solve the impossible puzzles, and perhaps take home your next work of puzzling art in the form of a Mr Bob wooden jigsaw featuring all Australian artists.

For Puzzletown info: puzzletown6255@inet.net.au

Every other Sunday

August 4th & 18th | 8am – 12noon Free Entry

BRIDGETOWN SUNDAY MARKETS

Blackwood River Park

An iconic community market at the Blackwood River Park, this event has been running for many years. Rug up with your winter warmest and head down to the markets. Runs fortnightly on a Sunday morning. Always a great community morning with an eclectic mix of stallholders selling local fruit and vegetables, crafts and trinkets, food, homewares, jams, coffee, artisan made and much more. Centred around the children's playground, this is the place to meet the locals and their dogs, chat to friends, stock up for the week and perhaps find a treasure!

Enquiries : Bridgetown Visitor Centre 08 9761 1740

Fridays

5:30 - 7:30pm

Free entry, bookings not required

LIVE MUSIC @ THE CIDERY

43 Gifford Road

August 2nd- JEFF SHEAHAN

August 9th- JIM JAM

August 16th- HELEN ROSE

August 23rd- LATE HORSE

August 30th- OPEN MIC NIGHT

Light meals, craft cider, beer, gin and wine.

Enquiries: The Cidery 9761 2204

www.thecidery.com.au

Wednesday – Sunday

SECRET PICNIC ADVENTURES

Pick up your picnic basket from your starting location and solve clues to determine your next pickup point. Fill your basket up as you go along. Once you have all your picnic ingredients, you are directed to your secret location to enjoy your picnic at your leisure.

Bookings - www.secretpicnicadventures.com

Every Sunday

5.30 – 8pm dinner

THE SHAMROCK SUNDAY ROAST

The Shamrock Hotel, Greenbushes

Enjoy a traditional Sunday roast dinner at this award-winning hotel

Enquiries: 0412 596 716

Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays

10am – 2pm | \$5 adults, \$2 children

GREENBUSHES DISCOVERY CENTRE

38 Blackwood Road, Greenbushes

A number of interactive displays focused on Mining, Timber Milling and Land Care. There are 25km of walk trails around Greenbushes including a Heritage Amble and the Mine Lookout, all of which are free.

Bookings not required.

Enquiries: Leonie 0427 643 065 or leave a message at the Discovery Centre on (08) 9764 3883

www.greenbushes.net.au



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