

Outback FUSION FESTIVAL 2023

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2 – 3 September *Newman*

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Welcome message from

**Hon Rita Saffioti MLA,
Deputy Premier; Minister For Tourism and**

**Hon Don Punch MLA,
Minister For Regional Development**

Outback Fusion Festival 2 – 3 September 2023

The State Government is a proud sponsor of the Outback Fusion Festival through Tourism Western Australia's Regional Events Scheme (RES).

RES was established to support event holders across WA with the development of events to drive tourism to regional Western Australia. The scheme plays an important role in positioning the state's five tourism regions as exciting destinations to visit and great places to live by showcasing and promoting the host region's unique and diverse attractions.

A total of 65 regional events across WA have been funded through the 2023-24 RES, which also includes a \$250,000 funding pool for the Regional Aboriginal Events Scheme, which exclusively allocates funding to events delivering Aboriginal activities and experiences.

The State Government, through Tourism WA, is proud to sponsor these regional events, which help bring vitality to local communities and drive visitor spend, injecting millions into regional economies. Tourism is a key part of the State Government's plan to diversify the economy, create jobs and develop business opportunities, especially in regional Western Australia.

Events play an important role in this plan, with the State Government sponsoring a range of sporting, cultural, arts and culinary events across Western Australia through Tourism WA, to attract visitors to our state and encourage them to stay longer, disperse further and spend more while they are here.

We hope everyone enjoys this event and takes the time to explore the Pilbara region.



Hon Rita Saffioti MLA
Deputy Premier; Minister For Tourism



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President's foreword

The Outback Fusion Festival is one of the most exciting events in the Shire of East Pilbara's calendar and provides the opportunity to bring our community together to celebrate everyone who lives here.

In particular, we recognise the Nyiyaparli and Martu people who have been living in the region for thousands of years, as well as all the different cultures from around the world that have made Newman their homes.

This year's event will have an array of family-friendly entertainment over the two days, which will feature some of the biggest names in the music industry. This includes The Big Town Players, emerging band South Summit, and The Black Sorrows, who are one of Australia's most prolific and enduringly popular bands.

That's just the live music! There's so much to enjoy from 2-3 September, including favourite activities such as basket-weaving at Martumili and Arty Brellas on the Family Fun Day. Along with live fire shows and roving entertainment of the always-popular Bush Fairies- there's something for everyone at this year's festival. To top it all off, we have food vendors on both days, plus bouncy castles, face painting and markets on the Sunday. The festival is our way of capturing the vibrancy of our community, and celebrating what makes us unique. Everyone in our community plays a role in making Newman a great place to live and work and I look forward to celebrating our community with you again this year.



Anthony Middleton
Shire President



Saturday 2 September

EAST PILBARA ARTS CENTRE

Location: Martumili Gallery

Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

Martumili Artists was established by Martu people living in the communities of Parnpajinya (Newman), Jigalong, Parngurr, Punmu, Kunawarritji, Irrungadji and Warralong, and it draws on strong influences of aboriginal art history. Based in a purpose-built architecturally designed gallery and studio space, Martumili hosts 4 exhibitions every year, showcasing the unique influence of traditional pujiman desert life of the Artists or their parents and grandparents. Visit Martumili to explore the latest exhibition, Mirrka (Bushfoods), an exhibition showcasing over 80 artworks that explore traditional bushfoods still collected across the Western Desert today.



BASKET WEAVING

Location: Martumili Gallery

Time: 10.00am to 1.00pm

Bookings not required, informal creative space. Join Martumili artists in the gallery for a basket weaving circle. Weaving is a skill that has been practiced by Martu for thousands of years, making items such as yakapiri (bark sandals) and manguri (head pads for balancing carved carrying dishes). Now we see brightly coloured coiled baskets, made with wool puntayarra and minarri grass. Come and sit down with the artists, grab some grass and some wool and see what you can create!



NEWMAN CONCERT

Location: Boomerang Oval

Time: 2.00pm to 9.00pm

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| 1.45pm Gates open | 5.15pm South Summit |
| 2.00pm Official opening | 6.15pm The Big Town Players |
| 2.15pm Tiriki Henare | 7.15pm The Black Sorrows |
| 3.15pm South Summit | 9.00pm Entertainment concludes |
| 4.15pm The Big Town Players | |

Activities: Bouncy castles, food vendors, face painting, roving light up fairies and loads more!



LADYBIRD ENTERTAINMENT SHOW

Location: Boomerang Oval

Time: 4.00pm to 4.30pm

With a kick, a jump, and a one-two-three, you'll be dancing with the Bush Fairies. Help us stir up some special kind of bush fairy magic. Do the Bush Fairy exercise and jump like a kangaroo, which is great fun for kids and adults.



CHOOKS ON FIRE SHOWS

Location: Boomerang Oval

Time: 7.00pm to 7.30pm (Fire Show);

8.00pm to 8.30pm (LED Show)

Chooks on Fire & Miko Warrior have been performing around Australia together for three years, showcasing their fire and led acts at many different events nationwide. Through their performances, you will be taken on a journey showcasing the beauty and magic of the fire and flow arts. The chemistry on stage is captivating; get ready to have your minds blown as their carefully curated fire tricks light up your night.



Sunday, 3 September

FAMILY FUN DAY

Location: Boomerang Oval

Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

MAIN STAGE

Location: Boomerang Oval

Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

9.45am Gates open

10.15am One Accord (solo artist)

11.15am The Big Town Players

1.00pm Tiriki Henare

2.00pm Event concludes

Activities: Bouncy castles, food vendors, face painting, roving fairies, Sunday markets and loads more!



ARTY BRELLAS - UMBRELLA PAINTING WORKSHOP

Location: Boomerang Oval

Time: 10.00am to 2.00pm

Arty Brellas provides a special 'chill-out' space where you can paint your own Arty umBrella with family or friends, relax, have fun and enjoy being creative with Tricia's smorgasbord of delightful paint colours.



LADYBIRD ENTERTAINMENT - STORYTELLING SHOW

Location: Boomerang Oval

Time: 11.00am to 11.30am

Be ready to embark on a magical journey with the Bush Fairies from Ladybird Entertainment. We need your help to create this magical adventure using sound, actions and body percussion. Walking down this curious path, you will meet various colourful characters creating a fantastic soundscape and bringing your imagination to life. Join Bottlebrush and Wattle Seed and discover that special ingredient needed to help the darkness disappear.



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Thank you for being part of 2023 Outback Fusion Festival, we hope you enjoy yourself and immerse yourself in different cultures and activities. Don't forget to **#outbackfusionfestival** in all our social media posts.

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