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SOUTH WEST JAPAN FESTIVAL

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BUNBURY
BUSSELTON
DUNSBOROUGH

AUG 14 - SEP 17

2023

5 WEEKS OF JAPANESE
ART, CULTURE,
FOOD, DANCE
+ EVENTS

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WELCOME MESSAGE erukamumessēji

FROM HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA, DEPUTY PREMIER; MINISTER FOR TOURISM
AND HON DON PUNCH MLA, MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The State Government is a proud sponsor of the South West Japan 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 South West region.



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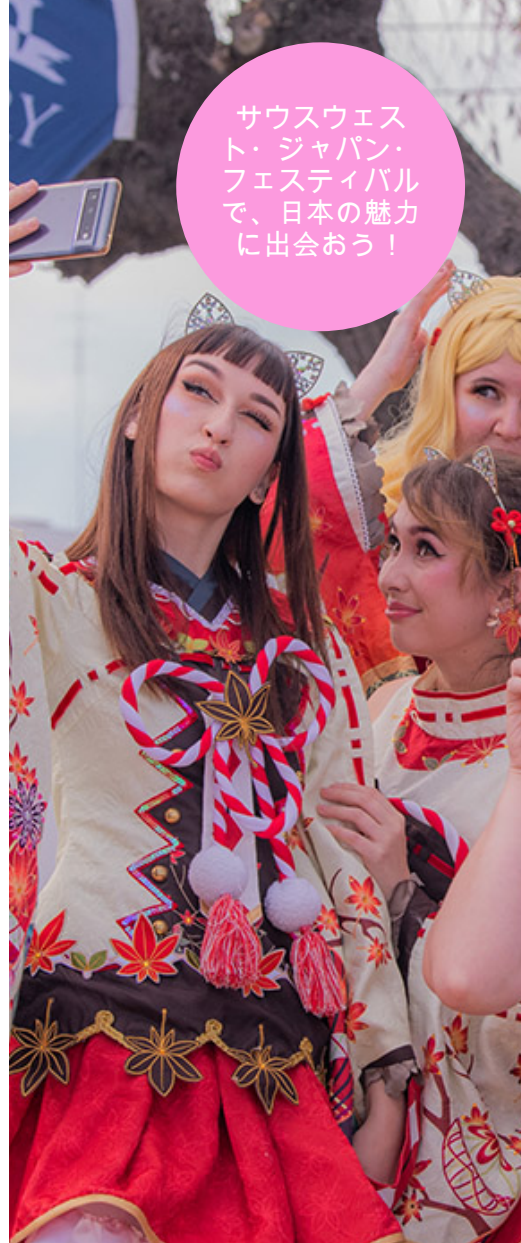
Calling all lovers of Japanese culture! From the anime fans to the sake experts, there's something for everyone at this year's festival. After 2020, the Festival Organisers noticed a growing demand for more immersive Japanese experiences - this year, we're very excited to be bringing the South West Japan Festival not only to Bunbury, but also to Busselton and Dunsborough for the first time!

CELEBRATING OUR SISTER CITIES

The coastal City of Bunbury in Western Australia is celebrating 31 years of being a Sister City with Japan's Setagaya City. The City of Busselton, located on the picturesque Geographe Bay in the Margaret River region, has enjoyed a Sister City relationship with Sugito, Japan since 1996. Sister City relationships are a way to foster global interconnectedness, friendship, cross cultural understanding and mutual wellbeing. These global connections foster collaboration in areas including education, culture, arts, trade, tourism, and sports.

KAYA FROM WARDANDI BOODJA

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land, the Wardandi Noongar people, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



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EVENTS イベント

TICKETS FROM www.southwestjapanfestival.com.au/tickets



JAPAN NIGHT AT TEXT & CO

WED 16 AUG | 6pm - 8:30pm

Text & Co, Shop 8/34 Dunn Bay Rd, Dunsborough

Join Text & Co for a cosy night of Japanese food, poetry reading, a traditional tea ceremony, kimono displays, a Kokeshi doll display, origami, and Ikebana flower display.



BUNBURY BLOCK PARTY (Burokkupāti)

THURS 17 AUG | 6pm - late

Victoria Street, Bunbury

7 of our favourite spots in Bunbury are offering Japanese themed food, drinks and more! Stop by Helloworld Travel Bunbury for festival lager tasting (from 6pm) and information on Japanese travel, and Lost Bills, Mojo's, Froth, Kokoro, The Burlington Hotel and Ramen Plus for an array of Japanese food, drinks and activities.

Sample our Festival Lager (collab with Froth) at Helloworld from 6-8pm!



KARAOKE AT THE BURLINGTON HOTEL (18+)

EVERY THURS | 8:30pm - midnight

51 Victoria St, Bunbury

Grab a microphone and belt a tune at Bunbury's iconic Burlington Hotel pub. Beer, wine, premixes and spirits are available!



A TASTE OF JAPAN | SAKE MASTER VS SOMMELIER

THURS 24 AUG | 6:30pm - 10pm

Yarri Restaurant, Unit 7/16 Cyrilleean Way, Dunsborough

Be transported to an evening of fine Japanese dining at the iconic Yarri Restaurant in Dunsborough. Each meal is paired with a sake (selected by award-winning sake Master, Andre), and a wine from Snake and Herring. Bookings are essential.



JPOP NIGHT AT FROTH

FRI 8 SEP | 7:30pm - late

Froth Brewery, 12 Victoria St, Bunbury

The Nyamahah JPop Rock n Roll Band are ready to blast your ears with their incredible covers of anime songs! Join us and dress up in your best cosplay (or kimono!) for a fun night before the big Matsuri Day on Saturday.



STAMP RALLY IN THE CBD

SAT 9 SEP UNTIL SAT 16 SEP

Bunbury CBD

Tour the City of Bunbury and collect all your stamps to win cool prizes from Tokyo Underground. Popular in Japan, Stamp Rallies are a great way to explore new places. Make sure to check shop opening times, and follow Kai's pink pawprints!



FESTIVAL MATSURI DAY

SAT 9 SEP | 10am - 5pm

Bunbury Regional Art Gallery (BRAG)

The biggest event in our Festival calendar! Join us for a full, FREE day of Japanese entertainment - music, martial arts, drumming, dancing, and singing. Enjoy a range of Japanese food trucks and market stalls scattered throughout the Art Gallery, or walk through the streets of Bunbury to complete the Stamp Rally. Japanese workshops will be on throughout the day as well, but make sure to book your ticket via the QR code below.



JAPANESE CAR AND MOTORBIKE MATSURI

SUN 10 SEP | 9am - 3pm | FREE

Bunbury Geographe Motor Museum

Bring your Japanese car or motorbike, work in progress or daily ride and enjoy alongside other enthusiasts. Grab your matcha latte from town and come see the cars and motorbikes in the car park next to Bunbury Geographe Motor Museum. Workshops and food available throughout the day as well.



BUSSELTON SUSHI TRAIN

FRI 15 SEP | 5pm - 6:45pm

Busselton Jetty, Busselton

Have you ever experienced eating sushi on a train, travelling WA's longest jetty? Enjoy a beverage and sushi as we travel along 1.8kms of scenic beach views, arriving for a bento box and a show at the end of the jetty. All ages are welcome! Booking essential.



FLOATING LANTERN FESTIVAL

SAT 16 SEP | 3pm - sunset

Bunbury Friendship Garden

Decorate your own floating lantern amongst the plum blossom trees of the Friendship Garden/Garden Labyrinth. This is a peaceful, family friendly festival with acoustic background music, workshops for the kodomo, food, and a chance to try on a kimono yourself! Pre-purchasing a lantern is essential. General entry is free.

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NEW MERCH FOR 2023

Kai, the wise Scottish Fold, martial arts-loving feline is the face of the festival this year. Meow! We've also branched into tees for youths, as we noticed lots of little ones last year missed out! Scan the QR code to order yours!

ADULT TEES: \$40 + SHIPPING

KIDS TEES: \$35 + SHIPPING

TOTES: \$15 + SHIPPING



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EXPLORE THE BUSSELTON SUGITO SISTER CITY TRAIL

Much has been done to highlight the importance of the Busselton Sugito Sister City Relationship and there is a strong Japanese influence across the municipality.

Explore the city and discover the following sister city highlights:



TOMIHARI ARTWORKS ON DISPLAY **17 AUG - 05 SEP | Old Courthouse Complex**

Woodcuts gifted by Hiroshi Tomihari, a highly regarded award-winning artist and National Treasure of Japan. Some of these works are very significant and are also represented in major US & European Galleries.



SISTER CITY MURAL **The Bean Chapel**

A colourful mural depicting the Sugito Mascot, Sugipyon, on the Busselton Boulevard Shopping Centre in Prince Street, painted by local artist Tom Ansell as part of the 20th Anniversary Celebrations in 2016.



BUSSELTON SUGITO FRIENDSHIP JAPANESE GARDENS **Corner Harris Rd, Stanley Place**

The Busselton Sugito Friendship Japanese Gardens was gifted to the City of Busselton by the Town of Sugito in 1998. Located next to the City of Busselton library.



SISTER CITY ELM TREE AND PLAQUE

A large Japanese Elm Tree planted in 1997 to mark the start of the Sister City friendship with Sugito. The tree along with a commemorative plaque placed under it are located in the gardens of the City of Busselton Civic and Administration Building.



HIROSHIMA GINGKO TREE **Near the City of Busselton Civic and Administration Building**

On World Peace Day and in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan in 1945, the City of Busselton planted a Ginkgo Biloba tree in Busselton on 21 September 2020. The young tree was gifted to the City of Busselton by the Mayors for Peace. It was grown from seeds from a 200 year old tree that survived the atomic bombing and subsequent fires in Hiroshima in 1945.





WORKSHOPS ワークショップ

TICKETS FROM www.southwestjapanfestival.com.au/tickets



'MISO 4 WAYS' COOKING DEMONSTRATION

FRI 18 AUG | 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Foodie Collective, Bunbury

Learn all about miso in this workshop presented by Sam from Peko Peko, including the history and how to use it in your own dishes. An array of Japanese beverages and dinner is included with your ticket.



FUROSHIKI

SAT 26 AUG | 10am - 11:30am

Bunbury Public Library

Master the eco-friendly art of gift wrapping with beautiful fabrics! Join Amanda Farr from Greener Options to learn the traditional Japanese art of gift wrapping. This Japanese art allows one object to have many uses simply by folding and tying cloth. Materials supplied but feel free to bring your own old scarves and fabrics.



BUNBURY ANIME CLUB

EVERY WED | 3:30pm - 5pm

Bunbury Public Library, 2 Parkfield Street, Bunbury

Anime fans, join our club for fun activities every Wednesday! Themes include manga drawing, costume making, and anime movie sessions. Free for all ages.



DRUMMING IN THE PARK

SAT 9 SEP | SUN 10 SEP | VARIOUS TIMES

Bunbury Centenary Gardens

Learn the ancient art of Taiko drumming, with WA's Taiko On! Open to all ages (and is a great workout too!).



MANGA WORKSHOPS (KIDS + ALL AGES)

SAT 9 SEP | SUN 10 SEP | VARIOUS TIMES

Bunbury Regional Art Gallery

Manga master Deb is back from Japan to teach Bunbury how to draw their very own manga character! Kids sessions suitable for ages 7-15.



KENDAMA WITH THE JAPANESE CONSULATE

SAT 9 SEP | 10am - 5pm

Bunbury Regional Art Gallery

The kendama is a traditional Japanese skill toy. Come learn about the game and test your skill against the Japanese Consulate!



JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY

SAT 9 SEP | 11:15am and 12pm

Blossom Stage, Bunbury Regional Art Gallery

Take a moment of mindfulness with a 20 minute traditional tea ceremony lead by Sayaka, fresh from her FIFA World Cup performance.



DUMPLINGS AND FIANO

SAT 9 SEP | 5pm - 7pm

Green Door Wines, 1112 Henty Rd, Henty WA

Hosted by Lost and Found Festival, join Green Door Wines and Sachi's Japanesey for a dumpling cooking class... with Fiano!



SUSHI MAKING WORKSHOPS

SUN 10 SEP | VARIOUS TIMES

Bunbury Museum and Heritage Centre (TBC)

Excited to dive into the world of sushi-making? Join the City of Bunbury in commemorating a decade of FOGO success. We're embracing sustainability with eco-friendly boxes and empowering you with the art of crafting your very own sushi.



JAPANESE SWEETS MAKING

SUN 10 SEP | 10am and 11:30am

Bunbury Regional Art Gallery

Learn the art of decorating Japanese sweets, and finish your workshop with a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony with Sayaka (back from her FIFA appearance!). Suitable for ages 6+.



ORIGINS MARKET – SISTER CITY CELEBRATIONS

VARIOUS EVENTS AND DATES

Origins Markets, 86 West St, Busselton

A celebration of everything Japanese in recognition of the City of Busselton's Sister City - Sugito, Japan! Live kitchen stage demonstrations, special Japanese cuisines, classes and arts and crafts and more! Event info: www.originsmarket.com.au/whats-on/



SHINRIN YOKU (FOREST BATHING)

VARIOUS DATES AVAILABLE

Please check the SWJF website for dates and times

Practice the ancient meditative art of Shinrin Yoku (also called Forest Bathing) with JoyTrails. Take time out of your busy life to reconnect with nature and refresh your mind.

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MATSURI DAY SEP 9

BUNBURY REGIONAL ART GALLERY | SAT 9 SEP | 10am - 5pm

OUR BIGGEST DAY OF THE FESTIVAL!

Japan is coming to Bunbury for the annual Matsuri Day!

This is our biggest day in the Festival calendar, and is free for everyone to attend. We have two stages this year - the main Matsuri Stage of performances, dances, drumming, and speeches, and a second stage at the front of the Bunbury Regional Art Gallery building for our Traditional Tea Ceremony workshops and martial arts demonstrations.

Enjoy a range of tasty Japanese cuisine from food trucks throughout the day, take part in a Taiko drumming or manga drawing workshop, walk through the City to complete your Stamp Rally pages, or wander through our range of stalls and booths full of information, toys, clothing, bonsai, and trinkets!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for performance times closer to September 9th!



To get your tickets,
scan the QR code!





PALETTES

Palettes are a bright cosplay and dance group, here to bring colour to our SWFJ! Let's shine, together!



BUNBURY BUDOKAN

Bunbury Budokan is a martial arts club training in the traditional Japanese art of Iaido (sword) and aikido.



KIJIMUNA - SPIRIT OF OKINAWA

Kijimuna plays and sings traditional folk songs and modern Okinawan pop.



SAYAKA

A festival regular, Sayaka is our Japanese Tea Master. Her Tea Ceremonies are 20 minute, intimate ceremonies that engage all of the senses.



TIDA DRUM + DANCE

TIDA are an Okinawan drumming and dance group, focused around the traditional Okinawan dances such as Eisa, Ryukyubuyo and Sanshin.



STELLUNA DANCE

A colourful, exciting dance cover group. Say it loud! Say it proud! Say it in sparkles!



SUBI JAPANESE DANCE

Performing a traditional dance called Nihon Buyo - a traditional dance with a mixture of dance and pantomime from the early Edo period.



TAIKO ON

Taiko On channel the elegant movements, powerful rhythms, and synchronicity of traditional Taiko drumming.



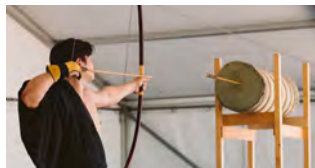
TREENDALE TAIKO

The students of Treendale Primary School are here to perform their Taiko drumming for you.



NYAMAHA J-ROCK BAND

Are you ready to J-rock? Nyamaha are a J-rock band covering Japanese pop hits and songs from popular anime.



KENDO + KYUDO DEMONSTRATION

An exhilarating display of Kendo and Kyudo that will have you on the edge of your seat!



KOKIKAI AIKIDO OF BUNBURY

Our practice focuses on movement, timing, coordination and self-defence techniques.

FLOATING LANTERN FESTIVAL

16 SEP 3:00 - SUNSET

Join us at the Friendship Park in Queens Garden for an afternoon of healing, as we celebrate hope, harmony and community at the Bunbury Garden Labyrinth.

The sprawling lawns come to life with plum blossom trees, acoustic music, stalls, workshops, Japanese kites, kimono stalls, food, and more.

Venture to Water's Edge cafe for Japanese food and beverages, before assembling at sunset for our journey down to the picturesque estuary to float our lanterns.

DECORATE YOUR OWN LANTERN \$20

Pick up your lantern at the festival and decorate it to your liking! Pre-orders are ESSENTIAL - we cannot guarantee you one otherwise.

KID'S CRAFT WORKSHOPS \$5

There are a series of kids' workshops available with Kite Kinetics (and usually a few lolly drops!).

KIMONOS IN THE PARK GOLD COIN

Try on a kimono and have your photo taken amongst the blossoms.

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY GOLD COIN

Take part in this traditional ceremony.

GARDEN LABYRINTH FREE

Walk along the Bunbury Garden Labyrinth.

WATER'S EDGE FOOD + DRINKS

Pop into Water's Edge Cafe to see what's happening throughout the Floating Lantern Festival!



THE PROCESS

1. Come down to the Gardens any time after 3pm and look for the big white tent with tables in front of it.
2. Show us your ticket for a lantern, and we'll make sure you get the right amount.

3. Decorate your lantern however you like, and bring it back to us to dry.
4. Enjoy the festival!
5. At sunset, come back and collect your lantern. We all gather in a crowd, walk to the estuary and launch together as a community.



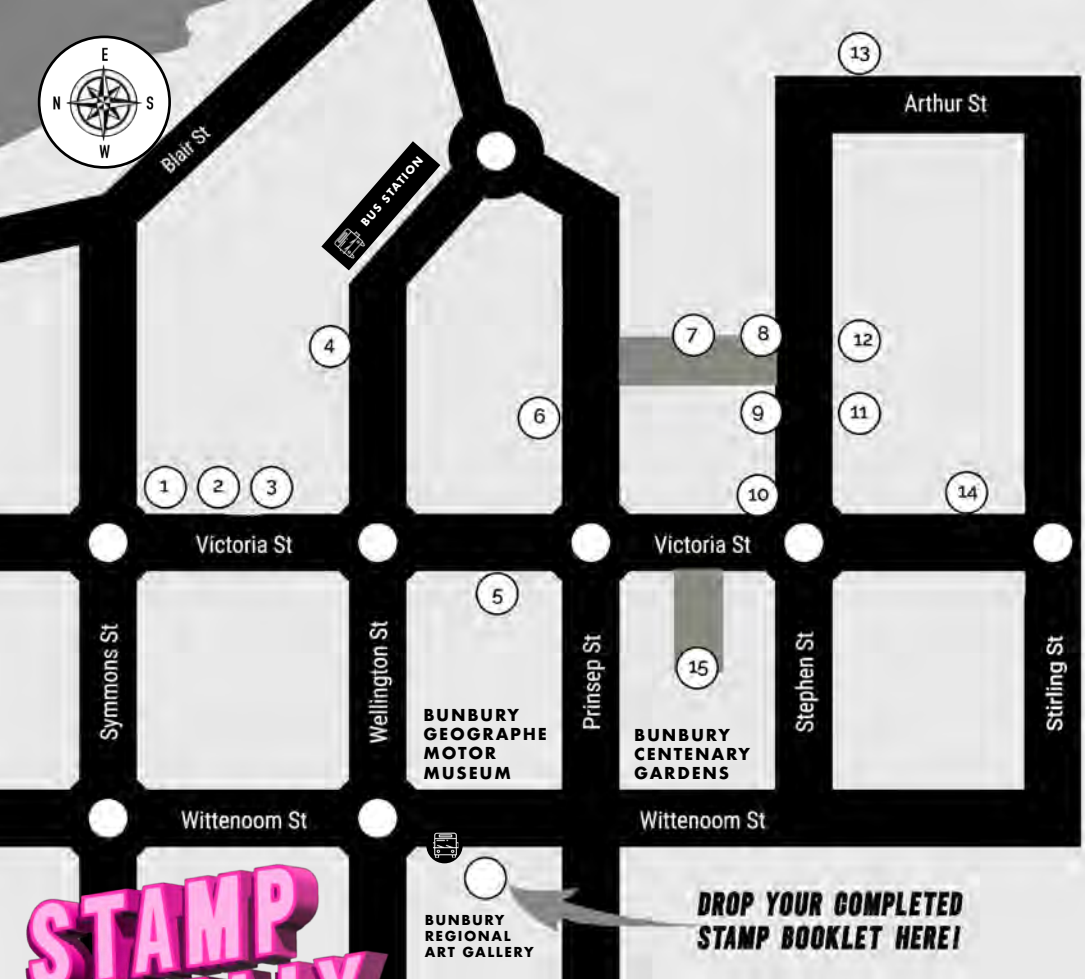
GET YOUR LANTERNS HERE!



Lanterns can be pre-purchased and collected at the Festival.

**THANK YOU TO THE
BUNBURY MEN'S SHED.**

Toro Nagashi (Floating Lanterns) can be a smaller family affair to remember lost loved ones, or a much bigger event to bring community and family together. Each year during O-bon, people float their lanterns to guide their visiting ancestral spirits down to the sea. It is a beautiful time to reflect.



STAMP RALLY

COLLECT THEM ALL - PRIZES TO BE WON!

1. Sabotage

46 Victoria St

2. Brain Spice

58a Victoria St

3. Afez of the Heart

60 Victoria St

4. The Bean & Cone

50 Wellington St

5. Collins Booksellers

117 Victoria St

6. Gallery 22

22a Prinsep St

7. Bunbury Asian Food Supply

Shop 4B Central Arcade

20 Stephen St

8. Get Ya Rocks Off Crystals

Shop 2, Central Arcade

20 Stephen St

9. The Plant Organic

1/20 Stephen St

10. Bon Marche' Mensland

Cnr of Victoria + Stephen St

11. Look Eyewear

21a Stephen St

12. One Hundred Years

Boutique

23 Stephen St

13. Bunbury Museum &

Heritage Centre

1 Arthur St

14. Soul Made Boutique

130 Victoria St

15. The Boba Haus

6/141 Victoria St

DROP OFF YOUR BOOKLETS TO THE BRAG FRONT DESK FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE FROM TOKYO UNDERGROUND!

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