



SHORE LEAVE

23-27 APRIL 2025

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PROGRAM

WELCOME MESSAGE

SHORE LEAVE FESTIVAL
WED 23 – SUN 27 APRIL 2025

FROM HON REECE WHITBY, MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND HON STEPHEN DAWSON MLC, MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On behalf of the Western Australian Government, we warmly welcome you to Geraldton's Shore Leave Festival 2025. Now in its fifth year, Shore Leave has become the signature event of the Mid West, celebrating the region's incredible seafood, adventures, and culture. This festival is a unique opportunity to showcase what makes this part of Western Australia so special. The region's renowned seafood, particularly the iconic Western Rock Lobster, is at the heart of Shore Leave. Through a series of immersive events, the festival offers a chance to experience the best of the Mid West's food, culture, and hospitality over five days.

Whether you plan to sit seaside at the Abrolhos Long Table Lunch on East Wallabi Island, dine under the stars at the Midwest Paddock to Plate event at Yanget Farm, or explore the vibrant hub of food and beverage vendors, live music, family-friendly craft workshops and sunset views at The Helm, you are guaranteed to have an enjoyable experience during your Shore Leave, like the visiting sailors of times past. The Western Australian Government is proud to support Shore Leave Festival through our Regional Events Program, supported by Royalties for Regions. Regional events are a crucial economic driver for regional communities, creating local jobs, driving vibrancy to the regions, and activating pockets of the State during low and shoulder seasons.



STEPHEN DAWSON



REECE WHITBY

We encourage visitors in the area for Shore Leave to stay longer and explore the many unique experiences on offer in Geraldton and the Mid West, with its long stretches of white shores, turquoise beaches, scenic sand plains, and expansive outback.

We wish you all a very enjoyable event and a wonderful stay in Western Australia.

WE RESPECTFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE YAMATJI PEOPLES WHO ARE THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS AND FIRST PEOPLE OF THE LAND ON WHICH WE STAND. THE NHANHAGARDI, WILUNYU, NAAGUJA. WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THE ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE FOR THEY HOLD THE MEMORIES, THE TRADITIONS, THE CULTURE AND HOPES OF THE YAMATJI PEOPLES.

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SHORE LEAVE FESTIVAL: A CELEBRATION OF THE MID WEST

Set against the stunning backdrop of Geraldton and the Indian Ocean, Shore Leave Festival is a vibrant celebration of the Mid West's seafood, culture, and coastal lifestyle. Held annually, this multi-day event showcases the region's best through world-class dining experiences, immersive cultural activities, and free family fun.

From the iconic Abrolhos Long Table Lunch on the picturesque Abrolhos Islands, to the flavour-packed Paddock to Plate dinner and exclusive culinary events with local and guest chefs, Shore Leave offers something for every foodie. The community comes alive with events like the Mid West Food Marketplace, Beach Price Markets, and The Helm—a lively foreshore hub featuring delicious eats, live music, kids' workshops, and sunset drinks at the Bar.

Whether you're a local or a visitor, Shore Leave invites you to connect with the people, produce, and stories that make this part of Western Australia so special. Shore Leave is the perfect excuse to slow down, savour the coast, and celebrate the Mid West.

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THE CHEFS

BEN ING AND SCOTT BRIDGER



Canadian-born **Ben Ing** is the chef and co-owner of Alberta's, a creative kitchen in Busselton/Undalup.

His career spans the world's top restaurants, including Eleven

Madison Park in New York and seven years at Noma in Copenhagen, where he served as Head Chef and helped lead global projects. Inspired by WA's South West and its seasonal produce, Ben opened Alberta's in 2022 with his partner. Known for its workshops, events, and heartfelt hospitality, Alberta's reflects Ben's love for simple, ethical, seasonal cooking and strong ties to local growers celebrating flavour, quality, and community at every turn.



Scott Bridger's global culinary journey—from London to Japan and beyond—has shaped his bold, modern Australian style.

As executive chef and co-owner of

Bib & Tucker, May Street Larder, Pogo, and Goody Twos, Scott champions local, seasonal produce with a focus on sustainability.

His fire-cooked dishes, inspired by WA's coastline and native ingredients, deliver flavour-driven, approachable dining that celebrates the best of the region.

THE HELM PROGRAM

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For full details on all the events listed and to book tickets head to shoreleave.com.au

TIME EVENT Events listed in white represents kid's activities

WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL

4pm	Welcome to Country
4:10pm	Minister's Welcome
4:30pm	Circus with Gus
5:15pm	Helm Music - The Melodics
6:15pm	Welcome to Geraldton
6:25pm	Helm Music - Alexia Parezee - Presented by Mitchell & Brown

THURSDAY 24 APRIL

9am	Sunflower Studio
9am	Bunnings Workshop
9am	Fire & Ice Recovery - cold plunge and sauna
10am	Helm Kitchen presented by Geraldton Fishermen's Co-op: Dean St Cultivation
10am	TripleM Live Broadcast
10am	Wildlife Animal Display
11am	Helm Kitchen presented by Geraldton Fishermen's Co-op: RT's Restaurant
11am	UCE - Kids Craft Activities
12pm	Papercraft Palace
12pm	Helm Kitchen presented by Geraldton Fishermen's Co-op: Quiet Life
3pm	Helm Music: Leon Tioke
3pm	Wildlife Animal Display
4pm	Helm Music: Shanghai
4pm	Beading with Lizzy
5pm	Pirate Inspired Bogan Bingo
6pm	Movie: Wild Robot
8pm	Coterie

FRIDAY 25 APRIL (ANZAC)

8:30am	Cross Fit WOD
9am	Sunflower Studio
10am	Helm Kitchen presented by Geraldton Fisherman's Co-op: Casa Dolce
10am	UCE - Kids Craft Activities
11am	Beading with Lizzy
11am	Sandcastle Workshops - presented by ILUKA
12pm	ANZAC Day footy Game - Essendon vs Collingwood
12pm	Fire & Ice Recovery - cold plunge and sauna
12pm	Wildlife Displays
12pm	Papercraft Palace
2pm	Lara Rose
3pm	Helm Music: Brenton Maynell Project
3pm	Face Painting and Braids by Zem
4pm	Helm Music: Darcy Hay
5pm	Helm Music: Beth Chia
5pm	Silent Disco
6pm	Helm Music: Pop
7:30pm	Helm Music: C4
9:15pm	Helm Music: DJ Andrea

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

6:30am	Cold Nips & F45
8:30am	Fire & Ice Recovery - cold plunge and sauna
9am	UCE - Kids Craft Activities
9am	Beading with Lizzy
10am	Papercraft Palace

SATURDAY 26 APRIL

10am	Sandcastle Workshops - presented by ILUKA
12pm	Helm Kitchen presented by Geraldton Fishermen's Co-op: The Provincial
12pm	UCE - Kids Craft Activities
1pm	Wildlife Displays
1pm	Sunflower Studio
2pm	Beer Yoga
3pm	Helm Music: Jess Swift
3pm	Sunflower Studio 18+ workshop
3pm	Lara Rose
3pm	Face Painting and Braids by Zem
4pm	Helm Music: Karloo Rockers
5pm	Helm Music: WDRF
6pm	Movie: Ruby Gillman: Teenage Kraken
6pm	Helm Music: Josh Crothers Collective
7pm	Helm Music: Toby
8:15pm	Helm Music: Feel Estate
9:15pm	Helm Music: DJ Ryzza

SUNDAY 27 APRIL

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7am	Sunrise Yoga
8:30am	Treasure Quest - Adventurethon
8:30am	Fire & Ice Recovery - cold plunge and sauna
9am	Helm Kitchen presented by Geraldton Fishermen's Co-op: Thermomix
9am	UCE - Kids Craft Activities
9am	Wildlife Displays
10am	Helm Kitchen presented by Geraldton Fishermen's Co-op: CR TAFE students
10am	Sea Shell Stories with the WA Museum
11am	Helm Kitchen presented by Geraldton Fishermen's Co-op: Guest chefs Scott Bridger & Ben Ing
12pm	Finlay's Beer Competition
12pm	Wildlife Displays
1:30pm	Helm Music: Hippy Campers
2:30pm	Helm Music: Real Good Question
2pm	Beading with Lizzy
2pm	Sunflower Studio
3pm	Face Painting and Braids by Zem
3:30pm	Helm Music: Xhalise
4:30pm	Helm Music: Alida Sue & The Special Brew
5pm	Silent Disco
5:30pm	Helm Music: Menma
6:30pm	Helm music - Alexia PARENZEE - presented by Mitchell and Brown
7:30pm	Helm Music: DJ Shiggins

DAILY 9am: BAR OPENS 9am - 6pm: Plush Play Park 9am - 4pm: Iluka Sand Sculpture Carve 5pm - 8pm: Western Rock Lobster of Boat BBQ

THE HELM KITCHEN PRESENTED BY GERALDTON FISHERMEN'S CO-OP

THURSDAY, 24 APRIL

10am	Dean Street Cultivation - Discover gourmet mushrooms grown locally in Geraldton.
11am	RT's Café - Fine Dining Native Australian Cuisine
12pm	Quiet Life Café - Dive into specialty coffee and modern brunch classics from this local fave.

FRIDAY, 25 APRIL

10am	Casa Dolce - A family-owned business producing fresh pasta, continental rolls, gelato and Italian sweets.
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SATURDAY, 26 APRIL

12pm	Provincial Bar & Café - Showcasing local ingredients with modern flair from one of Geraldton's top eateries.
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SUNDAY, 27 APRIL

9am	Thermomix Cooking Demo - Discover versatile ways to elevate home cooking with Thermomix experts.
10am	Central Regional TAFE Culinary Students - Future chefs showing off their skills with local produce.
11am	Ben Ing & Scott Bridger - Two of WA's most acclaimed chefs come together for a grand finale feast, celebrating seasonal flavours and coastal cuisine.

ABROLHOS LONG TABLE LUNCH





TICKETED EVENT

 WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL & THURSDAY 24 APRIL  ALL DAY  ADULT EVENT  EAST WALLABI ISLAND

The Abrolhos Island Long Table Lunch presented by **Brolos Lobster** and **Western Rock Lobster** - a once-in-a-lifetime dining experience set on the breathtaking Abrolhos Islands. Guests enjoy a seafood feast featuring fresh local produce, fine wines, and stunning ocean views, celebrating the Mid West's coastal flavours in one of Western Australia's most iconic and remote locations.

MID WEST PADDOCK TO PLATE

TICKETED EVENT

 SATURDAY 26 APRIL  4PM - 10PM  ADULT EVENT  YANGET FARM

The Mid West Paddock to Plate dinner presented by **Mitsui E&P Australia** and **Beach Energy** is a gourmet celebration of the region's rich agricultural roots. Set under the stars on Yanget Farm, this exclusive dining experience showcases premium local meats, seasonal produce, and fine wines—crafted by top chefs into a multi-course feast that captures the true essence of the Mid West.

THE HELM

FREE EVENT

 WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL - SUNDAY 27 APRIL  FAMILY FRIENDLY  GERALDTON FORESHORE

Get down to The Helm, the heart of the Shore Leave Festival, offering a lively hub of food, drinks, and entertainment by the coast. Enjoy a diverse menu everyday featuring local seafood, BBQ delights, and classic favourites, while soaking in live music, free family activities, and stunning ocean views. A perfect spot to relax and connect.

BEACH PRICE MARKETS

FREE EVENT

 SATURDAY 26 APRIL  08:30 AM - 2:00 PM  FAMILY FRIENDLY  FISHERMEN'S WHARF

Presented by the **Mid West Port Authority** the Beach Price Markets are a vibrant celebration of Geraldton's seafood culture, featuring the iconic **Western Rock Lobster** Back of Boat Sales. Meet local fishers, buy your crays straight off the boat, and enjoy fresh seafood, family activities, market stalls, and a relaxed coastal vibe at the Fishermen's Wharf.

WA FOOD MARKETPLACE

FREE EVENT

 SUNDAY 27 APRIL  08:30AM  FAMILY FRIENDLY  GERALDTON FORESHORE (NEXT TO THE DOME)

The Mid West Food Alliance's WA Food Marketplace is a celebration of the region's finest local produce. Featuring an array of food stalls, meet local producers, taste exquisite dishes prepared by top chefs, and discover the unique flavours of the Mid West. A must-visit destination for food lovers!

A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all of our sponsors and supporters for making the 2025 Shore Leave Festival a reality. Your generous contributions have helped us celebrate the best of the Mid West, bringing together food, culture, and community for an unforgettable experience.

Thank you for your support!

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EVENTS HAPPEN

Step into a dreamscape of wondrous events and embark on unforgettable adventures. Wildlife, wilderness, and the world's largest fringing coral reef await along the Coral Coast Highway.

- Discover Geraldton / Jambinu, the Coral Coast's only city and the gateway to the 122 Houtman Abrolhos Islands.
- Soak up the sun and crystal-clear waters of Coral Bay and snorkel through lively coral gardens.
- Start your day in Shark Bay / Gathaagudu by meeting the friendly Monkey Mia dolphins, then go four-wheel driving in Francois Peron National Park.
- Swim alongside gentle whale sharks, humpback whales or manta rays in the Ningaloo Reef World Heritage Area.
- Visit Carnarvon's Gwoonwardu Mia Cultural Centre, which celebrates the stories and culture of the five Aboriginal language groups of the Gascoyne Region.
- Explore the mysterious moonscapes of the Pinnacles Desert.
- Marvel at the dreamlike pink hues of Hutt Lagoon by foot, buggy or scenic flight.
- Swim with endangered Australian Sea Lions — playful 'sea puppies' only found in Western Australia.

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