What the Funtavia?!

EVEN MORE TO EXPLORE IN GERALDTON'S WEST END

28 shows over 3 days
7th, 8th & 9th Feb 2019

WWW.FUNTAVIA.COM
Each year, Funtavia takes an abandoned and neglected area of Geraldton’s CBD and transforms it into our vibrant festival ground.

For three wonderful days, this unloved space is turned into a colourful and lively arts playground for everyone to enjoy and love once again.

In the last three years Funtavia has helped over 80 local comedians, musicians and artists to produce their own original shows right here in Geraldton. We’ve also given them their first festival stage to perform on. It’s something that we are very proud of - only at Funtavia do local and International artists share the same stage.

We want to create a festival that the Geraldton community can see themselves reflected in. Each year we develop new programs that break down barriers and encourage more people be involved as a shared cultural experience.

A big thank you to all our generous sponsors! Funtavia would not be possible without the ongoing support of many incredible sponsors and volunteers.

Rob Jefferies
CHAIRMAN
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Why the Funtavia?

CULTURAL IDENTITY

80 local artists
we’ve helped to produce their own shows and perform on a festival stage

"WE WANT TO CREATE A FESTIVAL THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN SEE THEMSELVES REFLECTED IN"

PLACE ACTIVATION

"EVERY YEAR OF FUNTAVIA WE WANT TO LEAVE THE CBD BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT"

Buy local!
Invest in your future festival

Since inception, Funtavia has given Geraldton locals the chance to have a crack at the big time and perform their own shows alongside some of Fringe World’s biggest names.

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Look out world!

Geraldton artists have toured their shows across Australia after starting out at Funtavia

CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND EXPORT

Performing side by side international + local artists

GERALDTON

MANDURAH

NARROGIN

PERTH

BUNBURY

RAVENSTHORPE

RANBURY

ADELAIDE

PROJECTION

$13,125

$26,250

$39,375

$52,500

$15,325

2016

2017

2018

2019

Geraldton’s cultural exports

original works program

local

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Look for the locals!

Every show with a lighthouse icon was written, directed and produced here in Geraldton, by Geraldton people just like you.
Geraldton and the wider Mid West region have seen a huge increase of established and emerging musicians and we are very excited to have Thursday and Friday night of the festival dedicated to them. Join us in the Sand Bar every night of the festival for plenty of good vibes and even better tunes.

You will be spoilt for choice with tunes from some of our local favourites including Archie Bunker, Anne Williams’ duo band Rex Manning Day, and recent Battle of The Bands 2019 winners Rollercoast. We can’t wait to get the party started.

Meet Alexia Parenzee
FUNTAVIA MUSIC PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Alexia slid into her music career in WA during 2014 as a solo singer-songwriter. After learning a handful of simple guitar chords, she started performing music and is now a familiar face, wooing WA music scenes with her rich, earthy sound. Alexia has performed on national TV, and taken to the stage at folk festivals across the state, with her band ‘Songbird’, an acoustic trio based in Geraldton.

When she’s not singing, Alexia is creating tasty original music events in regional WA to encourage professional development opportunities and original works creation for regionally-based musicians.
Funtavia
FRINGE WORLD FESTIVAL
GERALDTON
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WTFuntavia?!
Opening Night Gala
If you’re thinking ‘what is Funtavia?’ then this is the show for you! Geraldton’s award winning Regional Fringe World Festival Hub Funtavia is once again docking a ship-load of the world’s biggest Fringe acts into Geraldton – and you can experience an exclusive taste of them all! This show is exceptional value for money, offering previews of a number of Fringe World shows. Including national and internationally renowned artists – this is one night you don’t want to miss!
7:30pm Thursday 7th Feb, Main Deck Tickets $35-$40

Dance for a Difference
Get ready for a fun night filled with live music, good food and drink, singing and dancing... Dance for a Difference is a social event aimed at giving an opportunity for young adults with disabilities to sing, dance and mingle with other members of the community.
6:30pm Saturday 9th Feb, Cargo Hold FREE ENTRY

Fat Girls in Bike Shorts
Glitter Light Disco
The Fat Girls are back and are bigger than ever with Glitter Light Disco, a nostalgic return to the sweaty school halls of your youth. Remember doing the limbo and lowering the stick when it was your turn to hold it? If you wanna snowball with your crush and boogie until your mum dad come to pick you up, come to the Glitter Light Disco. Your fave hits from your fave primary school disco with a distinctly glittery twist.
10:30pm Saturday 9th Feb, Cargo Hold FREE ENTRY

Darcy Hay: That Oughta Cut It
Prolific Geraldton folk, country and blues singer-songwriter Darcy Hay presents a collection of his recently released original music. With a practised talent for writing poetic, detailed lyrics, Darcy revels in weaving Midwest and Geraldton iconography into his songs. Also known as a formidable fingerpicking, slide and lead guitar player with a broad, everyman Aussie singing voice.
6:45pm Friday 8th Feb, Tickets $11-$15

Famous Sharron’s Love Match
Famous Sharron is very famous for nothing at all, and come and see what all the racquet is about. Married three times, Shaz is a relationship expert. Join her and her celebrity ball handlers as she finds out if there is such a thing as the ‘perfect match’. Make sure to get a selfie with the face of WA, Shaz herself, after the show!
★★★★ Out In Perth, 2018
“Hilarious” ★★★★★ The West, 2018
7:45pm Friday 8th Feb, Tickets $11-$20

Gerry’s Worst Artist Competition
Calling all terrible artists in a Geraldton first art competition for the bold, the beautiful and the brave. Only the worst with a paintbrush, pen or pencil may enter. Be prepared to get put through your paces in a series of extremely difficult art challenges as we search for Gerry’s Worst Artist... could this be you?
6:30pm Friday 8th Feb, Cargo Hold FREE ENTRY

Garry Starr Performs Everything
Disgraced actor Garry Starr defies his critics by performing every genre of theatre possible, thus saving the performing arts from its inevitable extinction. Starr tears through styles with little regard for personal safety and even less regard for art, proving his talents to himself, his adoring fans and those who dare question his ability. Directed by Cal McCrystal (The Mighty Boosh, Paddington 1 & 2, One Man: Two Guvnors).
“Uproariously funny” The Scotsman, 2018
“An anarchic play-date with a six-foot-two toddler” GLAM Adelaide, 2018
9pm Friday 8th & Saturday 9th Feb Main Deck, Tickets $16-$20

I Wish I Was Special
Are you a creep? A bit of a weirdo? Then you will appreciate the daring dancing and maverick music of this capricious cabaret. Featuring local Geraldton performers including Harpies Bizarre and House of Jezebelles, this show celebrates the joy of being a little bit different.
9:45pm Saturday 9th Feb, The Hatch Tickets $11-$15

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Brilliantly twisted absurdity.

Bunbury Magazine 2018

plenty of live music, drinks and food vendors to do stand up in New York City.

8th & Saturday 9th Feb, FREE ENTRY

Open daily from 6.00pm Thursday 7th, Friday 8th & Saturday 9th Feb

HOW TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS

Head to www.funtavia.com and browse to see the shows you wish to attend.

Click on the “Tickets” button, you will be taken to the Funtavia Fringe World purchasing portal.

Jackson M. Canny: Cool Child

Cool Child is an experimental, abstract, and angst-filled rock n' roll comedy from 18-year-old comedian and musician Jackson M. Canny. It’s about growing up in a world where everything is so f#$ked, that all you can do is laugh... like living with depression, thinking you're a lot smarter than you actually are, or how six companies own all of us.

“Definitely OK” ★★★★☆ Jackson’s Mum, 2018

7:45pm Friday 8th & Saturday 9th Feb

The Hatch, Tickets $11-$15

Mark Canny: The Meaning of Laugh

If its enlightenment you are seeking, pat a dog. The Meaning of Laugh makes no promises of finding reason for your sad existence, but it may help turn that frown upside-down and teach you new swear words for the times fate punches you in the face. Part stand-up, part improv... all a part of this thing we call laugh.

“I would have died laughing, but I’m dead already”

Mark’s Mum, 2018

9:45pm Friday 8th Feb, The Hatch

Tickets $11-$15

Sam Kissajukian: Who’s a Good Boy Now

Sam wants this to be the funniest show you’ve ever seen, to prove he’s a good boy. He combines stand up, game show and sketch, so you can laugh hard like a kid for an hour. Sam (Sydney) tours globally and lives now doing stand up in New York City.

“Extremely talented individual” ★★★★★

Burunbaby Magazine 2018

“Brilliantly twisted absurdity.” ★★★★★½

“Unabashedly funny and a brilliant way to kick of fringe.” - Fringefeed 2018

7:45pm Friday 8th & Saturday 9th Feb

Cargo Hold, Tickets $16-$20

Neo Magic

International magician Pierre Ulric is back with his most engaging and technically pure production to date. Neo Magic takes a hyper-minimalist approach to look at some of the most baffling areas of the magical arts, whilst stripping back most of the traditional artifacts employed by magicians. When all is gone, there is nowhere left to hide, all that remains is pure mystery.

2018, 2017 & 2016: SOLD OUT shows (Fringe World and Adelaide Fringe)

‘Best Magic’ Adelaide Fringe Weekly Awards, 2018

“A master at his craft” ★★★★★½

The Australia Times, 2017

7:45pm Saturday 9th Feb, Tickets $16-$20

Pirate Church

Pirate Church is what happens when a seminary drop-out and a cynical priest decide to create an evening of comedy about religion. And pirates.

Comedy about religion is pretty common. Just about every comic has their material about the bizarre things that religious freaks get up to. But Pirate Church isn’t about pulling the piss out of religion for cheap laughs. Well, maybe there will be some cheap laughs. But Pirate Church is a loving satire about the wacky world of religion, and Christianity in particular. The catch is that's it being done by two people who are themselves believers. Admittedly, not very good ones.

6:30pm Saturday 9th Feb, Cargo Hold

Tickets $16-$20

Eat drink & play at the Funtavia Sand Bar!

Nestled in the centre of the festival playground and oozing summer festival vibes. Its free to come and chill in the bar – there will be plenty of live music, drinks and food vendors to keep your energy levels nice and high.

Open daily from 6.00pm Thursday 7th, Friday 8th & Saturday 9th Feb, FREE ENTRY

New! Funtavia Jrn

Why should grown-ups have all the Funtavia? Gather the whole family together for a day of family-friendly entertainment. Flip over this magazine for all the details on Funtavia Jrn shows and workshops.

9am-12pm Saturday 9th Feb

Funtavia Jrn Sand Bar

FREE ENTRY

Group Tickets

Discounted tickets apply to groups of six or more, so get the crew together!

The Funtavia Precinct

All festival venues can be explored at the Funtavia Precinct 189 Marine Terrace in Geraldton’s West End.

How do I find out more about the festival?

Find out more at www.funtavia.com or visit the Funtavia Visitors Centre.

How do I get to the Funtavia Precinct?

The Funtavia Precinct is located at 189 Marine Terrace, Geraldton. You can find us on Google Maps or use our Funtavia Precinct map.

How can I support the festival?

You can support the festival by purchasing tickets, attending shows, and spreading the word about Funtavia Fringe World to your friends and family.

What are the Funtavia Precinct rules?

The Funtavia Precinct rules are to respect the artists, the audience, and the festival. Please be respectful of the venue, equipment, and other people.

How do I contact Funtavia Fringe World?

You can contact Funtavia Fringe World through our website or by phone.

How do I get more information about the festival?

You can get more information about the festival by visiting our website, following us on social media, or contacting us directly.
Why should grown-ups have all the Funtavia?
Meet Jody Quadrio
FUNTAVIA JNR PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Growing up on a rural station in the middle of WA until the age of 12, Jody's life was filled with imaginative play. This is where she developed her passion for creative industries which led to her taking on the role as Creative Director at Euphorium Creative. Jody has a wealth of experience in both performing and teaching performing arts, improvisation theatre and comedy. As the Program Director of Funtavia Jnr, Jody aims to guide young artists through their process of creative development.

Class Clowns
Geraldton Heat
The search is on for Australia’s funniest teens. Come and watch the Melbourne International Comedy Festival's one-of-a-kind, national secondary school comedy competition open to people aged 14-18 (Years 9-12). Enter by registering your stand-up, sketch, physical or musical comedy act for free. Any format goes as long as it is 3-5 minutes long, and funny!
12pm Saturday 9th Feb, Tickets $10-$15
Register at classclowns.com.au

Comedy Allsorts
A comedy variety show for all ages performed by all ages. Comedy Allsorts presents family-friendly stand-up, award-winning young stand-up comedians and improvisers, and a little bit of sketch thrown in to keep it fresh. This locally produced show is MC'd by Geraldton comedian Kim Canny and has a cast that ranges from 11-60 years old. Bring the whole family and have a laugh!
9:30am Saturday 9th Feb, Tickets $10-$15 🎉

Phasing
Peter Davies’ debut show explores the adventures of two friends as they brave a range of phases from paranoia to pretentious. In a comedic and sometimes melodramatic style, the two friends learn that their adventures will get them into all sorts of trouble. How will they overcome their struggles when their very lives are on the line?
10:45am Saturday 9th Feb
Tickets $10-$15 🎉

Spin cycle
A one-man comedy show by comedian, student and part-time cult leader Rhett Farmer. Follow Rhett on an adventure from Geraldton to Mexico as he attempts to play all the characters he meets himself since no one else rocked up to rehearsals. (I don’t know the venue or time so if you guys could put that in here that would be great... and this isn’t a joke either, actually don’t leave this in, I’m being serious - Rhett).
12pm Saturday 9th Feb, Tickets $10-$15 🎉

Wacky Magic and Mad Science
This eccentric mad scientist is still trapped on Earth, following last year’s Fringe World festival. What strange and wonderful discoveries has he made attempting to get back home? All will be revealed in this brand new crazy and dynamic show that is part magic and illusion, part science, all fun and learning! Inspiring, engaging and amazing entertainment for all ages.
“*A Master at his craft.*” ★★★★★
The Australia Times 2017
10:45am Saturday 9th Feb, Tickets $10-$15 🎉

Why should grown-ups have all the Funtavia?

Buckle up families of Geraldton, because Funtavia is back and this year we’re doin’ it for the kids...

Get ready for Funtavia Jnr – the all new family friendly Fringe World Festival right here in the Mid West!

Project director Jody Quadrio says the aim of Funtavia Jnr is to allow young people to have the chance to perform to their fullest potential. “We really want to engage young people in the arts by giving them a safe place to express themselves and to have a voice,” she said. “We want to inspire a new generation of kids to be expressive and engaged creatively.”

Funtavia Jnr offers heaps of new shows and activities suitable for young people of all ages. Gather the whole family together for a day of family-friendly Funtavia entertainment.
A jam-packed day of shows and workshops for da kids - Saturday 9th February 2019

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**Workshops**

- **Physical Theatre Workshop**
  
  A fun interactive workshop that explores physical theatre for kids between the ages of 8-12 yrs. Learn the basics of storytelling and characterisation using physical movement and facial expressions as well as fun and games that everyone will enjoy.
  
  **9:30-10:30am Main Deck, Saturday 9th Feb**
  
  **Registration $10**

- **Upcycling Workshop with Canny Creative**
  
  Use recycled materials and tools to make something cool and original that you can take home and show your friends and family! With help from the experienced, local upcyclers and bespoke carpenters at Canny Creative, this exclusive workshop is great for anyone wanting to get some hands-on creative experience. Suitable for ages 8 - 12 and all participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
  
  **10:45-11:45am Cargo Hold, Saturday 9th Feb**
  
  **Registration $10**

- **Improv Theatre Workshop**
  
  Get a taste of Improv theatre in a fun, positive environment where your ideas are celebrated, and there’s no such thing as failure! This is a workshop for kids between the age of 10-17 yrs. Learn the basics of improvisation theatre through fun, energetic games. Develop the confidence to think on your feet and create hilarious scenes and characters in the moment.
  
  **10:45-11:45am Cargo Hold, Saturday 9th Feb**
  
  **Registration $10**

**Midwest still sending in the clowns**

The Midwest has an outstanding track record for developing talented young comedians.

Three of our team from The Comedy Emporium – Brearley Mitchell, Casey Clarke and Jackson Canny - have all taken out the title of Melbourne International Comedy Festival Class Clowns State Finalist in the last 5 years! The search is on again for Australia’s funniest teens so enter the Gero Heat to compete for your place in the WA state finals.

**CLASS CLOWNS PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU IN GERALDTON BY:**

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