



Editorial for Festival - "Karnidale 2019"

And now for something completely different!

Start the new year with an experience like no other – come on down to Karnidale 2019, the Western Australia Circus Festival. Now in its 12th glorious year, the Festival is a celebration of circus, comedy, music, cabaret, theatre and the performing arts. Featuring over 70 artists from around the world, with performers from groups including Cirque du Soleil and Circus Oz, the dazzling array of shows on offer over the 2-day festival ensures there is something for everyone.

Hosted by Lunar Circus, which has been based in Margaret River for the last 25 years, the Festival is set on an inspirational, purpose-built circus site with nine separate venues, including Big Tops, an outdoor amphitheatre stage, the Bus Station and the Rocket Ship (a performance space created from an old water tank).

Come for the day or stay the weekend. Camping at the site is free and allows you to join in the early morning yoga sessions if that's your thing, or party the night away with some rocking bands and latenight cabaret shows. There are dozens of food stalls, as well as the famous Reg Bolton Bar and Restaurant, catering for everything from vegetarian salads to Argentinian BBQ.

And it's a great place to take the kids. Founder Matt 'Fatso' Yates has been involved with youth circus for the last 30 years, is hosting an international training project and summer school for two weeks immediately before the festival, with many of the visiting performing artists acting as tutors and coaches in a wide range of circus disciplines, from acrobatics and juggling to the flying trapeze. Classes and workshops are available throughout the festival for kids and adults who want to try something new. "When families camp here for the weekend the kids have a great time all day in a safe environment, surrounded by positive role models, doing good, fun stuff.

So much more than your average festival, Karnidale gives you the chance to expand your horizons.





When – 18-20th January 2019. Doors open 5pm Friday 18th. Final Curtain midnight Sunday 20th.

Where - 171, Vansittart Road, Karridale, WA 6288

Tickets –Adult weekend \$125 incl camping, Adult Day \$65, Concession, Family and Kids prices available

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International Training Project and Lunar Circus Summer School

Runs from 7 -17 January 2019. Open to kids and adults, with up to 25 different classes an hour, Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Do one or two classes a day or go for the full 2 week programme with the opportunity to take part in one of the Festival shows at the end. For more information (www.lunarcircus.com/fatso@lunarcircus.com/0439999793)