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Ningaloo Coast World Heritage area

Celebrating 5 years

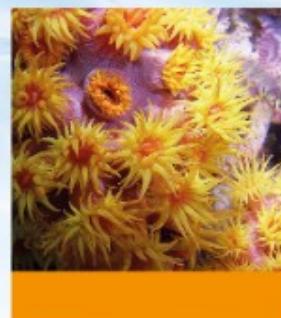
A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Saturday 25 June 2016

3.30 – 8.30pm

Federation Park, Exmouth

- Live music with performances by Dave Mann and Miss Max and James Abberley
- Market stalls
- Children's activities



This is an alcohol-free event.
Please no dogs.



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On 25 June, the Ningaloo Coast World Heritage area will celebrate its fifth year anniversary. Inscribed in 2011, the area is recognised for the following Outstanding

Universal Values:

Land and sea contrast – the arid earth colours of Cape Range provide a stark and striking contrast to the liquid turquoise and vibrant underwater world of Ningaloo Reef.

Habitat diversity– the rare mix of intact and diverse terrestrial, coastal and marine habitats form an incredible interconnected ecosystem.

Cape Range diversity – the rugged, limestone range and deep canyons host a remarkable array of plants, birds, reptiles and other wildlife, a high proportion of which are found nowhere else in the world.

Cape Range karst system – under the Cape Range Peninsula lies a complex limestone karst system that is home to a high diversity of unique, weird and wonderful cave creatures.

Ningaloo Reef diversity – one of the longest and most pristine fringing reefs in the world. The reef's extraordinary biodiversity includes more than 200 kinds of coral and more than 500 fish species, plus hundreds of other animal species including crustaceans, molluscs, echinoderms and sponges.

Whale sharks and marine megafauna – one of the world's largest, most reliable and best-managed whale shark aggregations is at Ningaloo Reef. Other internationally important and rare marine megafauna are found in the area including whales, dolphins, manta rays, dugongs, sharks, turtles and large fish such as tuna and billfish.

Turtle nesting – the area hosts one of the most important turtle rookeries in the Indian Ocean for three threatened species, the loggerhead, hawksbill and green turtles.

As individuals, we have a responsibility to be guardians of the Ningaloo Coast — and other World Heritage areas — so future generations can experience the wonder, and to ensure biologically important habitats, plants and animals are protected.

To help celebrate this community achievement, the Department of Parks and Wildlife will be holding a free community event. There will be live music performances by James Abberley, Miss Max and Dave Mann, market and food stalls and lots of fun activities for the children. Saturday 25 June in Federation Park, Exmouth, WA from 3.30pm onwards. Don't miss it!

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