



Savour Margaret River - Autumn Edition - Tuesday, 1 March 2011

There's no excuse for not heading down to Margaret River this Autumn. With a plethora of events happening throughout the region, combined with deliciously comfortable temperatures, stunning scenery and amazing attractions there is something to entice every member of the family.

Only three hours from Perth and it feels like you're in a whole new country; the stress just melts off you as you drive south. Whether your tastes extend to the adventurous, you're after an activity to keep the kids entertained or you are happy to relax on the deck with a good wine and watch the sun set over the vines – Margaret River has you covered.

Enjoy this latest edition of Savour Margaret River, there is plenty on offer to stoke your desire to return to Margaret River.

See you soon!

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Specials and Prizes!



Win a Trip to Margaret River

Ready for that next getaway? The [Margaret River Wine Region](#) Facebook page has joined forces with local businesses to give you and three friends the chance to win the ultimate Margaret River weekend away.

This fantastic prize package includes a two night stay for four people at [Margarets Beach Resort](#). We'll also throw in entry to Mammoth, Lake and [Jewel Caves](#), and the [Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse](#), a \$100 [Colonial Brewery](#) voucher, a [Legend Charters](#) fishing charter for two, a [Bushtucker](#) River and Cave tour for two and a Best of the Best Wine Tour with [The Margaret River Discovery Co](#). PHEW! That is an awesome prize!

It's easy – all you need to do is become a fan of the [Margaret River Wine Region](#) on Facebook and help us get to 10,000 fans. Become our fan today, suggest it to your friends and go in the draw to win a sublime Margaret River holiday plus keep up to date with exactly what is happening in Western Australia's premier holiday destination.

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The Whales are Coming!

Each year the spectacular pilgrimage of the Southern Right and Humpback Whales up the coast from Augusta to Dunsborough is a breathtaking sight. Watching these majestic mammals make their annual journey is a highlight for any trip. Make sure that you book your trip to see this amazing sight – from June to September they can be spotted in the waters around Augusta. Later in the season they move into Geographe Bay from September to December. Book your accommodation and whale tour at www.margaretriver.com

The whale watching season will be officially launched in Augusta this year with Whale Song Augusta, held over the long weekend of 4th to 6th June. The two day festival will celebrate the arrival of the Southern Right and Humpback whales into Flinders Bay - one of the most beautiful places in the country to view this spectacle.

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Last Minute Rates

Got a few days off during the week? Looking for an escape from the hustle and bustle for a couple of days? Plan a trip down to Margaret River and [CLICK HERE](#) for sensational last minute rates.

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What's On



Movies in the Vineyard 18th December to 26th March *Cape Mentelle*

Movies in the Vineyard at Cape Mentelle have been wowing the crowds in their hundreds since they began rolling in December. Enjoy nightly movie magic under the stars thanks to this award-winning vineyard and the legendary Luna Palace Cinemas. An exciting mix of art house and

quality commercial films have been scheduled for the summer. Guests can relax on the winery lawns that slope gently towards the screen and enjoy a glass of Cape Mentelle wine along with a picnic before the movie.

Ticket sales and film information are now available at www.lunapalace.com.au or at the Cape Mentelle cellar door.

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A Sumptuous Soiree 5th Mar

Xanadu, Margaret River

A Sumptuous Soirée at Xanadu will be held in aid of the NO COAL!tion. An evening of great food, wine and music – along with an auction of fine art, wines and hospitality packages – from 4.30-8pm.

Contact details: For full information click [HERE](#).

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Augusta River Festival 5th & 6th Mar

Colourpatch Foreshore, Albany Terrace, Augusta

The Augusta River Festival is an annual family event which provides entertainment, water and land based activities and workshops with various artists. The evening is topped off with a spectacular fireworks display over one of the most spectacular backdrops in the region - the stunning Blackwood River. Head down to Augusta on the long weekend for a dose of acrobatics, circus performers, bands, dancers, kayak hire, sailing races and kitemaking! The famous 'Blackwood Regatta' sees locals and visitors alike challenge the river in their imaginative drink-can craft and is an absolute highlight of a brilliant family day out that attracts 5,000 spectators.

Contact details: www.augustariverfestival.com

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Michael Bublé 6th Mar

Sandalford Wines, Margaret River

Australia's love affair with Michael Bublé is continuing, with Sandalford Wines, Dainty Consolidated Entertainment and Zaccaria Events thrilled to announce that his Crazy Love tour is coming to Margaret River. Michael Bublé is a blockbuster act, closing in on two million album sales in Australia. His worldwide sales stand at 25 million. This event has just sold out with 12,000 expected at the inaugural event at Sandalford Margaret River.

Contact details: www.sandalford.com

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Margaret River Wine Region Festival 17th to 21st Mar

Throughout the Margaret River region

The *Margaret River Wine Regional Festival* celebrates wine, food, art and cultural experiences. Celebrate vintage as you forage for local produce and sample from more than 200 wines at the *Vintage Festival*, enjoy a day out at the cricket or just get caught up in the natural beauty and bounty of the region as you immerse your senses.

Contact details: www.margaretriverfestival.com - tickets are available at the Margaret River Visitors Centre by calling +61 8 9780 5911 or via email.

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The Great WA Bike Ride 19th to 27th Mar *Throughout the South West*

This iconic ride through the South West is a week where everything can be taken care of for you while you cycle your way through stunning scenery, meet a great bunch of people and have the experience of a lifetime. It's got everything - 560kms of tall timber forests, stunning white sands, gourmet wineries, great scenic roads and friendly communities eagerly waiting for your arrival. What more could you ask for?

Contact details: www.greatwabikeride.com.au

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Colonial Margaret River Shorts 26th & 27th Mar *Colonial Brewery, Margaret River*

Margaret River Shorts is dedicated to screening and rewarding films from all around the world in such a way as to promote, celebrate and create a platform for the appreciation of diversity in art, culture and society. Colonial Margaret River Shorts 2011 will be held this year in the beautiful outdoor surrounds of Colonial Brewery. The top 12 finalists from 2011 will screen on March 26 and 27.

Contact details: Tickets are available online at www.margaretriver.com, by phoning +61 8 9780 5911 or by emailing welcome@margaretriver.com

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Telstra Drug Aware Pro 3rd to 10th April *Surfers Point, Prevelly*

The 2010 Surf & Music festival was one of the most exciting weeks on WA's festival calendar - and 2011 is shaping up to be just as great. Surfing Western Australia and Sunset Events have developed a unique event concept that attracts a wide demographic of lifestyle lovers to the picturesque location of Margaret River.

Contact details: For information and tickets visit [HERE](#)

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Aravina Semillon and Seafood Festival 16th & 17th April *Aravina Estate, Wilyabrup*

Aravina will play host to some of the finest Australian Semillon and Semillon blends, accompanied by some of the freshest seafood prepared by Aravina Head Chef Simon Morley-Smith. Guests will be entertained through the day with live music from Sambalicious and other entertainment. Tickets are now available and can be purchased for \$155 (garden seating) or \$170 (verandah seating).

Contact details: For information and tickets visit www.aravinaestate.com

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Vintage Stomp 15th May *Voyager Estate, Margaret River*

Vintage Stomp celebrates the most important time of the year in Margaret River - the grape harvest. Voyager Estate will be transformed into a buzz of activity, commencing with a Grand Parade and The Blessing of the Harvest led by the God of Wine himself, Bacchus. It is a feast of food and wine, arts and craft, circus artists, 'living' sculptures, a grape-stomping competition and barrel race set amongst Voyager Estate's famous South African werf gardens.

Contact details: Sara Brown on vintagestomp@voyagerestate.com.au

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Arts Margaret River's Readers & Writers Festival 13th to 17th May

Margaret River Cultural Centre, Margaret River

With a theme of 'Passion' for the 2011 Readers & Writers Festival the words are sure to be flying. The literary event on the Margaret River events calendar is sure to have something for everyone.

Contact details: www.artsmargaretriver.com

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Whale Song Augusta 4th to 6th June

Augusta

Whale Song Augusta is a celebration of the return of the Southern Right and Humpback Whales to Augusta's waters for another year. Join in the celebrations with a golf tournament, market day, entertainment, art competition and displays, along with the Variety Mini Bash & Auction. A great weekend of activities that showcases the fact that Augusta is simply the best place to view these magnificent mammals of the ocean.

Contact details: contact AMRTA Events on +61 8 9780 5911 or via [email](#).

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What's New



Cow Figurines arrive in a Herd

Just when you thought that there would be no more talk of cows, some new ones come along. 'We Didn't Do It' by Wendy Binks, 'Enjoying a Tipple' by Ocean Forest Lutheran College and 'Our Great Kimberley' by Emma Blyth which were all part of CowParade Margaret River, have been made into miniature figurines. These join 'Cow Bombie' and 'Something to Crow About' as examples of the moo-vellous CowParade Margaret River herd. Stocks will arrive into the Margaret River Visitor Centre in May – pre order your favourite with Leanne Schilder on +61 8 9780 5910 or via [email](#).

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Flourish Margaret River – Blooming Marvellous

October 8 and 9 will see Margaret River at its most spectacular when it celebrates the region's natural beauty. Flourish Margaret River 2011 is designed to celebrate, embrace and protect the environment, and its biodiversity, in which we live. In its inaugural year, highlights include mountain bike tours, hiking, educational opportunities and the once-in-a-lifetime chance to enjoy fine dining among the wilds of nature.

Flourish is more than just another environmental exhibition; it's about living with nature, sustaining our magnificent natural landscapes and celebrating biodiversity. For more information visit www.flourishmargaretriver.com
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South West Coachlines goes 24 hours

Coach travel has become as quick as the touch of a button with Online Bookings now available at South West Coach Lines. Allowing visitors to book their services outside of business hours, this innovative service complements South West Coach Lines luxury express travel, airport connections and shuttles and bus charter service. For further information or to make bookings visit www.southwestcoachlines.com.au

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New Transport Options Throughout the Region

Getting around the Margaret River region has gotten easier with the introduction of four new businesses who can help you get from A to B.

The Chauffeur Bus - a unique hop on hop off double decker bus service through wineries and breweries throughout the Margaret River area. Find out more [HERE](#).

Taz's Taxi's – a small but efficient and professional taxi service. Find out more [HERE](#).

Tazignated Drivers - associated with Taz's taxis, Tazignated Drivers offers you a skipper who is a designated to drive your car home or back to your destination of choice. Find out more [HERE](#).

South West Designated Drivers - let them be the skipper for you. They will get you and your car home in one piece at the end of the night (or day!). Find out more [HERE](#).

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Yallingup Maze Team Building

Yallingup Maze have a new program for 2011 which includes a maze team challenge and an interesting new puzzle team challenge. Perfect for an entirely different experience for groups or corporate clients, these activities will entertain and challenge your clients physically and psychologically. The ever-changing timber maze with 5 feature towers and bridges to complete creates an inspiring team building competition, while the range of innovative puzzles and eclectic games of varying levels are logic based and intrigue often to the point of frustration - perfect for a balance of skills in the corporate market. For more information view their page [HERE](#).

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Cape Lodge is Gold Again

Cape Lodge has once again been voted amongst the best in the world, making Condé Nast Traveller's prestigious 'Gold List' top 10 again in 2011! This list profiles the most exclusive, exotic and amazing hotels in the world. Well done to all the team at Cape Lodge – check them out [HERE](#).

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Marri Wood Park Receives Full Bio-Dynamic Certification

Marri Wood Park vineyard recently gained full certification as a Bio-Dynamic Vineyard from the Bio-dynamic Research Institute of Australia, making it the first DEMETER™ certified vineyard in Margaret River. The Vineyard's owners, Julian and Lisa Wright, have fully embraced bio-dynamic farming techniques and are using these techniques to produce some of the region's best fully-organic vintages made with the help of an expert team headed by local wine legend Bill Cartwright. For more information about Marri Wood Park click [HERE](#).

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Another Gold for Laurance Wines

Laurance Wines' 2010 Semillon Sauvignon Blanc has won gold at the 2011 Macquarie Group Sydney Royal Wine Show. This wine has a harmonious balance of dense fruit flavour and clean minerality which gives a fine structure that finishes with a crisp freshness and length. Well done to the team at Laurance Wines – for more information about their wines click [HERE](#).

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Tastes of Margaret River



A taste of the Eagle Bay Brewing Co.

The newly opened Eagle Bay Brewing Co. has come up with a menu full of delicious offerings that complement their finely crafted beers to perfection. We were lucky enough to score this delicious recipe for [Lentil & Sesame Fritters](#) (pdf) from Head Chef Rupert Brown just for you. Scrummy!!

If you have a favourite recipe from the Margaret River region that you would like featured in the next edition of Savour Margaret River send us an email and we will try to track it down for you. No promises though – some of the best of them are tightly held secrets!

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