



**WA FOREST ALLIANCE**

## **WA Forest Alliance to host a Forest Fiesta in Fremantle**

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With all the excitement over the recent announcement by Premier, Mark McGowan that native forest logging will end in WA by January 2024, WA Forest Alliance has decided to host a Forest Fiesta on Fremantle's Pakenham Street on Friday the 17th of December from 6:30 pm to 11 pm.

WA Forest Alliance is so happy to be hosting this celebration in Fremantle as the city has long been a central point for the movement to protect WA's native forests.

This community street party will be held in honour of native forests as attendees dance to live music from Boss Arts Creative Indigenous Dancers, Junkadelic Brass Band, JaZaza, Bambuseae Rhythm Section and Dj Mama Cass

The aim of the Forest Fiesta is to celebrate the heartfelt work of thousands of people over many decades who have stood up for the forests, to celebrate those who have worked so hard for the South West native forests' intrinsic, climate and biodiversity values to be recognised and given precedence by the State Government.

The Fiesta also aims to celebrate the WA Labor party's courage in finally deciding to put an end to native forest logging in WA. This State government has proven to be an ally on this issue and we hope to continue working with them to make sure the 2024 Forest Management Plan is a world-class Forest Conservation Plan, and nothing less.

Accompanying the street party will be an exhibition inside PS Art Space on Pakenham Street called 'Memories of the Movement - Defending South West Forests'. The exhibition draws together an incredible collection of photographs, video footage, news articles and campaign materials into a powerful, atmospheric exhibition that will celebrate the efforts of thousands of people over nearly five decades of heartfelt and courageous forest defence.

WA Forest Alliance is encouraging folks from WA's native forest conservation community to come forward if they have any relevant pieces from WA's forest conservation history to add to the exhibition.

Memories of the Movement - Defending South West Forests will be open to the public from Friday, December 18, 6:30 pm - 11 pm, Saturday and Sunday the 18th and Sunday 19th of December, 10 am - 5 pm

This is the Forest Fiesta's third and last stop. The first stop was in Denmark on November, 28, and the second in Margaret River on December, 12, following the same path that the campaign has followed for many years, from the South Coast forest areas on Pibelmen Country, to where the forest meets the sea in Wardandi Country, and up to Whadjuk Country.

"The South West forests are globally unique and incredibly precious and over the next few weeks, in three great locations, the WA Forest Alliance is hosting three Forest Fiestas to celebrate these forests and the recent breakthrough in their conservation," said Jess Beckerling, Wafa campaign director.

"From here, much work remains to be done to get the details right and ensure forests are properly and securely protected, and as we celebrate, we regenerate, recharge, and stoke the fires of the forest movement,

"Let's come together to acknowledge and celebrate the forests we love and the long road we have travelled so far to defend them," said Ms Beckerling.

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