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BHP BILLITON COMMITS TO WA DAY FOR THREE MORE YEARS

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BHP Billiton has announced the renewal of its partnership with Celebrate WA for a further three years, supporting the Western Australian of the Year Awards and celebration events across the State.

WA Day takes place on the first Monday of June each year with a wide range of activities and events held over the weekend to celebrate the culture and lifestyle of Western Australia.

BHP Billiton has been a major supporter of Celebrate WA since 2011, and has been a long term contributor to a range of WA Day events including the Western Australian of the Year Awards, State of the Art Music Festival, Come Out & Play, and new to the program this year, a series of Long Table Lunches that will be held around the State.

Thanks to the support of BHP Billiton, the State Government and Lotterywest, for the first time this year the free, family friendly 'Come Out & Play' event will also be brought to Port Hedland, Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and Albany, expanding WA Day celebrations in the regions.

WA Premier, the Hon. Colin Barnett, MLA has thanked BHP Billiton for their ongoing support of Celebrate WA as it encourages Western Australians to come together to enjoy so much of what the State has to offer.

"The partnership between BHP Billiton and Celebrate WA is a great example of collaboration that works to showcase our lifestyle and culture, as well as shining a light on talented Western Australians in both metro and regional areas."

Jimmy Wilson, President BHP Billiton Iron Ore, said the Company is committed to partnering with community-focused organisations like Celebrate WA who are contributing to the development of Western Australia.



"It's fantastic to see the WA Day celebrations grow each year and we are especially proud that our support will help expand existing events across the metropolitan area and also into our regional host communities," Mr Wilson said.

The WA Day long weekend will commence with the annual Western Australian of the Year Awards on Friday 29 May, followed by the State of the Art music festival on Saturday 30 May. Long Table Lunches will be held at several locations over the long weekend and 'Come Out & Play', the major public event, will take place on Monday 1 June.

For event information, visit www.celebratewa.com.au.

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Information on Celebrate WA

As the State's premier leadership organisation, Celebrate WA champions all that is positive about Western Australia and its people. It seeks to engage Western Australians in a range of celebratory activities that promote and recognise excellence in our people, lifestyle, culture and potential.