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ALPACAS TAKE OVER WHITEMAN PARK THIS EASTER

Over 200 cute and cuddly alpacas will be on display at Whiteman Park during the Easter long weekend.

The Autumn Alpaca Festival on Saturday 23 April and Sunday 24 April will celebrate these fascinating animals with special demonstrations, live music, craft displays and a fashion parade featuring alpaca wool garments.

Whiteman Park manager Steve Lowe said the family friendly weekend, which is now in its 13th year, continued to be one of the highlights on the Park's annual event calendar.

"The Autumn Alpaca Festival is a really unique and colourful event that offers a day out with a difference for families," Mr Lowe said.

"The event offers so much to see and do for people considering owning an alpaca or those just interested in learning more about the animals. Kids can get up close and personal and pet the alpacas in the special 'pat-a-paca' pen."

"The festival attracts a big audience year after year and we appreciate the great community support offered to this event."

On Sunday there will be a fashion parade that showcases the alpaca fleece - one of the world's finest natural textiles. The fleece is similar to sheep's wool but is light weight and lustrous and bears no lanolin, making it hypoallergenic. Los Chasqis, a South American style band, will be playing to add some Latin groove to the Fiesta, and the Easter Bunny will of course be making an appearance.

The Autumn Alpaca Fiesta will be held on Sunday 26 April and Monday 27 April from 9.00am to 4.00pm undercover in the Whiteman Park Village.

Alpaca judging will take place Saturday, with demonstrations, the fashion parade and live music hosted on Sunday. Entry is a gold coin donation (maximum \$5 per family). For more details, contact Whiteman Park at www.whitemanpark.com

Photo Opportunity: Whiteman Park will arrange a photo opportunity with alpacas if requested (note: it may not occur on site).

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