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FESTIVAL OF EVENTS TO CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF WHITEMAN PARK

Whiteman Park is set to celebrate 25 years as one of Perth's premier recreation and conservation attractions in September.

Whiteman Park was officially opened to the public on 21 September 1986 and was named after local identity Lew Whiteman (1903–1994) who originally developed the Mussel Pool picnic area.

Park manager Steve Lowe described the upcoming anniversary as an exciting time in the Park's history.

"The Park has grown tremendously over the past 25 years and we are pleased to be able invite our regular visitors and the wider community to share in the celebrations over the coming months", Mr Lowe said.

"*'25 Days of...'* is a festival of special events and activities during September and October, through which visitors of all ages can celebrate the many varied aspects of the Park."

"The Park's associated transport heritage groups will be showcasing their vintage collections on special open days, while nature lovers can experience the Park through a range of new tours."

"The popularity and uniqueness of Whiteman Park as a community space is an integral part of its success. Publicly celebrating our 25th Anniversary with a series of events is an excellent way to give back to the community that has supported the Park over the years."

A special edition 25th Anniversary events program is now available at each of Whiteman Park's attractions and shops.

The star events during *'25 Days of...'* include Doggies Day Out, the WA Volunteer Bushfire Games, Friends of Thomas the Tank Engine Day and Junction Function, with the finale event *'Whiteman Park's 25th Anniversary Celebration Fete'* being a fun-filled community party spanning the whole of the Village recreation area.

Local businesses have the opportunity to get involved in the *Celebration Fete* with artisans, crafters, producers, food vendors, specialist and locally made products being sought for the market stalls and display areas. Exhibitor Registration Kits are available on the Whiteman Park website at www.whitemanpark.com.

'Whiteman Park's 25th Anniversary Celebration Fete' will be held on Sunday 16 October, 2011.

For more information on any of the 25th anniversary celebration events, telephone Whiteman Park on 9209 6000 or visit online at www.whitemanpark.com

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