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EPIC FREE EVERNOW SPECTACULAR ONLY IN PERTH

The free **EverNow** festival celebrates its second year with events spread across two of Perth's favourite riverside leisure spots, **Kings Park** and **Burswood Park**, from 3-7 October.

The full EverNow program is now out, and a major highlight will be the Australian-exclusive appearance of French sky theatre masters **Groupe F** with their dazzling free public display of light, fire and live performance for all the family over four nights at **Burswood Park**.

After thrilling audiences around the world, **Groupe F** will present a special Perth version of their acclaimed international show ***From the Light Flow: Bena Koorliny*** (meaning *light travelling*) by the shores of the Derbarl Yerrigan at Burswood in collaboration with leading Noongar artist **Dr Richard Walley OAM**.

Burswood Park is the newest hub for EverNow activity and also hosts the inspiring Noongar performance ***Song Circle*** that wowed audiences last year, while the ever-popular ***Boorna Waanginy: The Trees Speak*** is set to light up visitors' faces in wonder as they take an unforgettable journey through Kings Park.

Renowned for the magnificent impact and scale of their unique blend of sky theatre and explosive light shows, Groupe F are a creative company like no other. For more than 30 years, they have delighted spectators around the world with their monumental and emotionally moving celebrations for the Barcelona, Athens and Rio De Janeiro Olympics, 2022 FIFA World Cup and the 2000 millennia at the Eiffel Tower.

At EverNow 2024, audiences can look forward to celebrating Kambarang together as a community with an extraordinary weekend of unique and accessible, free family-friendly events:

***From the Light Flow: Bena Koorliny* (Burswood Park, Thurs 3- Sun 6 October)** – Be inspired by the beauty and wonder of *From the Light Flow: Bena Koorliny* as nature glows and flourishes in a series of dazzling towers of light, larger-than-life illuminations, flame and epic performance. Celebrate the biodiversity of this place and the precious harmony of our natural world with this hypnotic light and sound spectacle. Groupe F have worked closely with one of Australia's leading performers and musicians, Dr Richard Walley OAM alongside Noongar storyteller and artist Alton Walley to bring their latest extraordinary outdoor public performance to Perth.

***Song Circle* (Burswood Park, Thurs 3- Sun 6 October)** – The banks of the Derbarl Yerrigan will shimmer with vibrant song, dance and light as singers, instrumentalists and dancers perform a celebratory cycle of Noongar songs reflecting on creatures and Country from Perth through to the Great Southern. At the heart of Song Circle is an outdoor circular revolving stage. Singer-guitarist

Maatakitj and a cast of musicians and singers are encircled by a group of dancers responding to the songs on a ring of sand bathed in a kaleidoscopic sea of light. This is a free, non-ticketed event.

Boorna Waanginy: The Trees Speak (Kings Park, Fri 3 - Mon 7 Oct) – Audiences are invited to bring their families and friends on an immersive after-dark walk through a tunnel of wonder along Fraser Avenue and into the park as stories of caring for Country come to life through spectacular high-tech light projections, animation, sound, and song. Discover stories of regrowth and new life as fire flickers, rain descends, plants emerge and bloom, and birds and animals roam all around and up above in the treetops. This is a free, non-ticketed event.

The return of EverNow follows its inaugural success in 2023 as a home-grown signature event grounded firmly on Noongar Boodjar and inspired by our State's rich biodiversity and creativity.

EverNow invites visitors and locals alike to light up their senses, reconnect with Country and celebrate the magic and wonder of Western Australia over one amazing, extended weekend during Kambarang, the Noongar season of birth and renewal.

EverNow is a state-owned event delivered by Tourism WA and produced by Perth Festival's Special Projects arm, guided by Perth Festival's Noongar Advisory Circle. You can see the State Government's Ministerial statement [here](#).

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We acknowledge Aboriginal peoples as the traditional custodians of Western Australia and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal West Australians and honour their continuing connection to Country, culture and community. We recognise and appreciate the invaluable contributions made by First Nations peoples across many generations in shaping Western Australia as a premier destination.

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