

Margi Gras a show of love

■ Therese Colman

Margaret River's inaugural Margi Gras experienced a big turnout at the weekend, with more than 700 people attending the public marriage of Sunny-Michelle and Rebecca Hannan and an after party at The River Hotel.

The main event was held at the Shire of Augusta-Margaret River gardens and featured food vans, performers, a face painter, bouncy castle and unicorn rides for the kids.

"The support shown by the community has been nothing short of overwhelming," Margi Gras founder Ms Hannan said.

"It really made me feel proud to be a member of this community and I'm honoured so many came out to celebrate equality and be a



Drag queens entertained the crowd at the after party.

part of our wedding. Margi Gras has shown that Margaret River is a welcoming place for LGBTI holidays and wonderful destination for same-sex weddings ... I highly recommend it."



Perth Drag Queens entertained the crowd at the Margi Gras after party at The River Hotel. Pictures: Therese Colman



Ebony Bennett, Carly Walsh and Maddy Ingram with Bambi Nailor, 5, and siblings Penelope, 3, Shilah, 6 and Lacey Bruce, 5.



Peter Stampone and John Dallimore.



Jan James and Gail Eliot.



Margi Gras volunteers Bree Stewart, Miriam Avery and Di Bortoletto.



Newlyweds Sunny and Rebecca Hannan legally tied the knot at Margaret River's Margi Gras.



Tracie Oakes, Louise Marsh and Deb Hook.



Emma and Ruth McKenzie.



Molly Alison, 7 and Isla McKenzie, 4.

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The Death Cure—the finale to the Maze Runner saga.

THE POST - Sunday 18 February 7pm M

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live on stage

SUNDAY SUNDOWNERS

Pioneer Park, Cowaramup

Sunday 18 February 5pm-7pm

Free family friendly concert featuring Songbirds of the SW paying tribute to some of the great jazz vocalists. Supported by an 8 piece band and swing dancers. Food and drinks available from local community stalls.

Pre Readers & Writers Festival event

CHRISTINE MILNE TALK

Monday 19 February 6.30pm (doors 6pm)

The former Greens leader talks about her book An Activist Life. Christine talks about women in politics, the fight to save the planet and her vision for the future. Tickets \$10.

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