



**FISHABILITY DAY
FAQ**

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1. What is Fishability Day?

Fishability Day is an annual state wide inclusive community event which promotes the ability of all people to access and enjoy recreational fishing.

The event will involve the participation of teams, families or individuals at ten locations and will be accessible via an online registration process.

Fishability Day will be a 'catch, click and release' concept and participants who register will receive a gift bag on arrival.

2. What date is Fishability Day and where is it held?

The inaugural Fishability Day will occur on Sunday 13 March 2016 between 0900 and 1200 at ten locations across Western Australia.

3. What are the ten locations?

Fishability Day will be held at 10 locations – these locations have been selected based on local support, geographical spread, weather, accessibility, suitability, demographic and strategic intent.

- Albany – Albany Town Jetty
- Bicton – Point Walter Jetty
- Bunbury – Bunbury and Districts Power Boat Club
- Busselton – Busselton Town Jetty
- Carnarvon - Carnarvon Town Jetty
- Esperance – Taylor Beach Jetty
- Fremantle – East St Jetty
- Geraldton – Batavia Coast Marina Boardwalk
- Hillarys – Hillarys Service Wharf outside AQWA
- Mandurah – Mandurah Offshore Fishing & Sailing Club Jetty

4. What is the Program of events?

Each venue will have a range of activities including:

- Exhibitions - Exhibition Stalls displaying information on varying organizations providing education to the people attending the event on good fishing practices and the environment.
- Catering – local community groups will provide catering options to include Sausage Sizzle and drinks. Cakes, Tea and Coffee will be available from existing Cafes or Coffee Vans.
- Children Activities – children's activities will occur in Albany, Mandurah and Busselton
- Local personalities – come down to meet your Fishability Day Ambassador and have a photo with them

5. Who are the organisers

Fishability (formerly Fishers with Disabilities Association Inc.) is a not for profit association that delivers programs and activities designed to increase the active involvement of people requiring support into recreational fishing.

Fishability has, since 2000 provided fishing opportunities for Western Australians living with disabilities. With the support from the Department of Fisheries and Western Australian peak body for recreational fishing, Recfishwest, Fishability has promoted fishing as a means of acceptance and inclusion.

6. How can I participate?

To participate you must register on line at www.fishability.org.au and follow the link to registration

Participants who have registered online are to check in at the main area on arrival and will receive a Gift Bag with promotional items and material.

7. How much does it cost to participate?

There is no cost to participate.

8. What are the criteria to participate?

Any child or adult requiring support to fish is welcome to participate. Regardless of disability, ability, age, gender, race or religion, we invite everybody to enjoy the experience of recreational fishing.

9. Do I need to be accompanied by a support worker?

Yes, if you require personal assistance, event organisers recommend a support worker / parent / guardian accompanies you. Fishability volunteers will support every participant with fishing needs.

10. How many in my group can register to participate?

Each group can have a maximum of six people participate.

11. Can I bring my siblings and children to participate?

You can certainly register and participate as a family.

12. Can I show up and participate if I have not registered?

You can still attend but there will be no gift bag available and those that have registered will have priority in the fishing areas.

13. Are there ID requirements or an age limit to enter the event?

No, identification is not required to participate in our event, nor is there an age limit to enter the event. Organisers do encourage children to be accompanied and assisted by an adult.

14. Is my registration/ticket transferrable?

No, your registration ticket is not transferrable.

15. Do I have to bring my printed ticket to the event?

Yes – please bring your ticket to the event.

16. The name on the registration/ticket doesn't match the attendee. Is that okay?

No, tickets are not transferrable. Registration for new participants can be arranged on event day at the Registration marquee.

17. What do I do if I need to cancel my registration?

Simply email at shani@swevents.com.au or phone on 0431 963 181 to notify us of your registration cancellation.

18. How many gift bags will be issued for groups and families?

One gift bag per person will be issued regardless if registered within a group, family or individual

19. Are there other activities for those not wanting to participate in fishing?

Catering will be available and there will also be children's activities at dedicated locations.

20. What ACROD and accessible facilities are available at the venues?

ACROD parking will be available and there will also be accessible toilets.

21. Is parking available at each venue?

There is parking available at each venue – please look for the signage within the parking areas.

22. Will the event be affected by inclement weather?

The event will be cancelled in the event of bad weather conditions and deemed as dangerous to all persons involved

23. Are there cash facilities available at the venues?

EFTPOS and credit card facilities will not be available onsite. It is advisable to bring cash with you.

24. What do I need to bring along?

All fishing equipment and bait will be made available. Bring along clothes suitable for the weather; (long sleeved shirts preferable to protect from the sun); hat; sunscreen; fold up chair.

Specialised fishing equipment will be available for participants with physical challenges

25. Can I keep any fish that I catch?

We encourage all participants to adhere to our 'Catch, Click, Release' concept to protect our environment and fish species. We would invite all participants to have a photo taken by one of our Sun Smart Officers with the fish you catch, and with your permission, we will upload it to our Fishability Day Facebook Page.

26. Can I volunteer at one of the Fishability Day events?

Yes. Please email shani@swevents.com.au if you're interested in volunteering and make sure you include a copy of your CV and all contact details including your mobile phone number and your preferred venue.

27. Who do I contact for more information?

Contact Fishability Executive Officer, Di Bruce at di.cherylbruce@fish.wa.gov.au

28. How can I keep up to date with latest Fishability Day news?

You can keep up to date via Facebook.