

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### WA 'Lights Up the Spectrum' For World Autism Day

This Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, Western Australia is celebrating World Autism Day. On Saturday evening, 15 of our most well-known buildings and landmarks across regional and metro WA will light up to create a colourful Light Spectrum in acknowledgement of this special day.

World Autism Day is an internationally recognised and celebrated day aimed at increasing appreciation of people with Autism in our community.

The CEO of the Autism Association of Western Australia, Joan McKenna Kerr said,

***"This year, we are lighting up Western Australia in a spectrum of colour to make the bold statement that we are a community of many unique individuals where each person has something to contribute, and where each person is valued and part of the richness and diversity of community life."***

World Autism Week will be celebrated online this year with inspiring stories from and about individuals with Autism. We will also make available a range of resources to support community knowledge and understanding of Autism, as well as a range of fun activities in which to participate.

*"We want to see that every child gets a great start in life, is included in a positive way at school, and goes on as an adult to be a valued member of the workforce and our the broader community."*

*"We encourage families and workplaces to join us this World Autism Day by participating in an event in their community, as well as visiting the 'Light Up the Spectrum' landmarks such as Optus Stadium, the Bell Tower, Koombana Bridge in Bunbury and many more."*

Joan McKenna Kerr continued, *"April is a great time to learn together, spread awareness and ignite change for Autism to ensure every individual with Autism has the opportunities they deserve."*

You are invited to join the Autism Association in igniting change for Autism by visiting your closest landmarks and sharing a photo with the hashtag [#lightupthespectrum](https://www.instagram.com/lightupthespectrum). A map of the locations and the colours each building will light up can be found at [www.autism.org.au](http://www.autism.org.au).

Other landmarks that will be lit up in different colours on Saturday include Council House; Trafalgar Bridge; Mounts St Bridge; Sky Ribbon at the Tonkin Highway/Leach Highway intersection; the Northbridge Tunnel; Joondalup Drive Bridge; Queens Park Theatre in Geraldton; Brookman St in Manjimup; Kalgoorlie Boulder Community Centre and Library; and the Council Admin Building in Busselton; and The City Centre in Albany.

For more information about how you can participate, to access resources, or help make a difference and ignite change visit: <https://www.autism.org.au/events/category/autism-awareness-month-2021/>.

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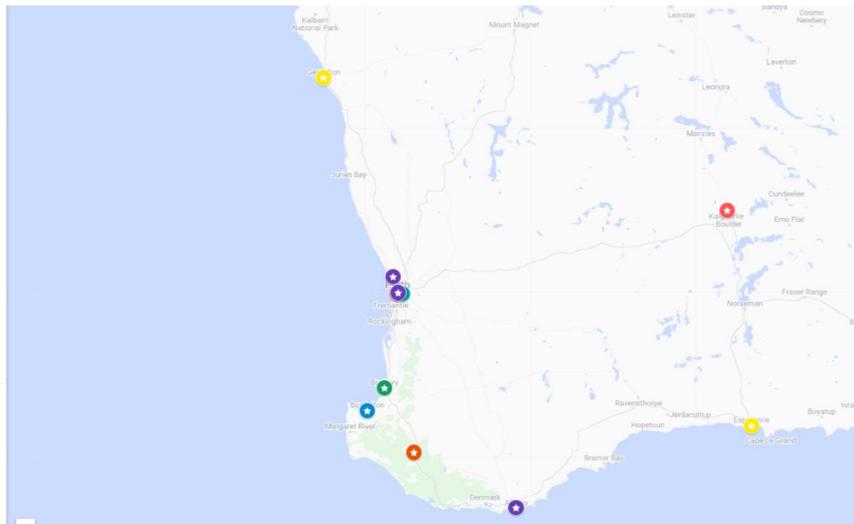
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**Light up the Spectrum Map**

- Light Up the Spectrum
- Council House
- Trafalgar Bridge
- The Bell Tower
- Optus Stadium
- Matagarup Bridge
- Mounts Street Bridge
- Sky Ribbon
- The Northbridge Tunnel
- Joondalup Bridge
- Koombana Bridge
- Busseton Council Building
- Queens Park Theatre
- Manjimup City Centre
- Eastern Goldfields Community Centre
- Council Chambers
- Albany Town Hall



**Light up the Spectrum Metro Map**

