



**CHOGM 2011**  
PERTH, AUSTRALIA

## SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

When Perth welcomes Commonwealth leaders to the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) this October, there will be plenty of opportunities for community members to join the celebrations.

The first day of the meeting on Friday 28th October has been declared a public holiday with free travel on the Transperth network to allow anyone who is interested to participate in celebrations. A number of public activities are happening in Perth CBD on this day and shopping malls will be open for public holiday trading.

CHOGM 2011 will be the biggest international event to be held in Perth for almost 50 years and an array of exciting artistic, cultural and sporting events are being planned to coincide with this significant event.

### Arts and culture

An eight-day arts and culture festival will run from the 23rd October to 30th October with the revitalised Perth Culture Centre as the centrepiece.

The emphasis of the festival will be on large scale free family activities for the West Australian community. Expect to see exceptional international performers from Commonwealth countries working alongside local artists with as much community involvement as possible.

A key element of the festival will be four days of activity and entertainment, from the 26th October to 29th October in the Perth Cultural Centre which will be called the People's Space during CHOGM 2011.

### Sport

Two major sporting events will be held in the week preceding CHOGM 2011.

On the 23rd October, the top two netball teams in the world, the New Zealand Silver Ferns and the Australian Netball Diamonds, will take part in a netball match, part of the Holden Netball Test Series. This will be preceded by a match between South Africa and Malawi. This netball competition will provide Perth fans with a chance to see four of the world's top seven teams in action.

A newly formatted hockey tournament, known as the International Super Series, featuring men's and women's competitions will also be on display from the 20th October to 23rd October. The hockey tournament will include teams from Australia, India, Malaysia, Pakistan and New Zealand and be held at the Perth Hockey Stadium in Bentley.

Tickets for both CHOGM 2011 sporting fixtures will go on sale in the coming months. For more information go to [www.hockey.org.au](http://www.hockey.org.au) and [www.netball.asn.au](http://www.netball.asn.au)

### Schools program

Students across Western Australia can adopt a Commonwealth country as part of the Schools Program conducted through the WA Constitutional Centre throughout 2011. The program will culminate in mini CHOGMs for schools ahead of the real event.

Find out more about this Schools Program: [www.ccentre.wa.gov.au](http://www.ccentre.wa.gov.au)