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Even more reason to celebrate the capital this March!

March is a big month in the capital, with a range of events focused on celebrating this great city. Handmade Canberra is getting into the celebratory spirit with their March 23 & 24 market, putting the spotlight on the best local talent they can find. Canberra designers, artisans and producers will be in abundance at the market this month, giving market visitors the chance to experience the very best of the region right on their doorstep. With 270 stalls, free entry and parking, a visit to Handmade Canberra at EPIC is the perfect way to top off all of the March Canberra Festival celebrations in the capital.

Handmade Canberra founder and owner Julie Nichols says “we pride ourselves on giving shoppers a different experience every time, with new stalls added and product offerings mixed up each time”. This March will be no different, with 20% of the stallholders being brand new to the market. A new business attending the market in March is Altina Drinks - a local business who is shaking up the Aussie drinking culture with their unique range of non-alcoholic cocktail mixes. Altina Drinks are already making waves in the region and Handmade Canberra look forward to exposing more Canberrans to this innovative new local business.

Another new local treasure you’ll find at the March Handmade Market is author Margaret Wade, with her brand new city guide *Canberra Secrets*. A guide to Canberra for residents and visitors, *Canberra Secrets* highlights the fun, quirky, and interesting facts and details about what makes the capital tick.

A huge range of local food and drinks will be available in the Gourmet food pavilion too. From Krofne doughnuts, Canberra Distillery spirits, to Pialligo Estate gourmet foods - the best produce doesn’t have to travel far to get to Handmade Canberra.

In addition to local designers and producers, there will also be a huge range of Canberra-themed products on offer at the March market. Local scenes depicted through the quirky eye of Leafy Sea Dragon Artwork, dresses printed with photos of Canberra landmarks by Zilpah Tart, and DIY 3D Canberra landmarks by Gundaroo Puzzler are just a small example of Canberra-themed products on offer to satisfy loyal locals and visitors alike.

Handmade Canberra are also getting into the neighbourly spirit at the market this month, hosting a special group of producers from the neighbouring Riverina region. Taste Riverina is a group aimed at showcasing the best food and drinks from the Riverina region, and they will be bringing a taste of the Riverina to Canberra this March. Inside the gourmet food pavilion, visitors will find “Riverina Alley”, where they’ll find gems like the iconic Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory, Pretty Parrot Distillery, and Borambola Wines.

Whether you’re a local interested in supporting local businesses and buying the freshest and best local produce, or a visitor wanting to experience the best of the Canberra region all in one place - the March 23 & 24 Handmade Canberra market will not disappoint!

While entry is free, Handmade Canberra have invited local charity Menslink to collect donations at the entry points to the market. Donations made by generous Handmade shoppers make a huge difference to the lives of Canberrans - just another way Handmade Canberra likes to give back to their beloved city.

Come celebrate all that’s great about Canberra, March 23 & 24, 2019 at the Handmade Canberra Market at EPIC.

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ABOUT HANDMADE CANBERRA

Handmade Canberra is Canberra’s largest indoor market. It’s held 4 times a year at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC), with 270 stallholders selling handmade products and produce ranging from homewares, fashion, jewellery, art, design, food and beverages. Attracting 120,000 visitors a year and generating an estimated \$15 million, the market is a large contributor to the Canberra economy. The market also supports local charities, raising an estimated \$80,000 dollars per year through market entry donations.

MARKET INFORMATION

What: The Handmade Market - Canberra
When: 10am - 4pm Saturday 23rd March and Sunday 24th March 2019
Where: Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)
Entry: Free but donations to charity collectors are encouraged
Web: <http://www.handmadecanberra.com.au/>

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