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Handmade Canberra guaranteed to warm your spirits this winter

Handmade Canberra is getting set to put on another fabulous two day event, guaranteed to warm your winter spirits this June 29 & 30 at EPIC. Shining the spotlight on food with its Winter Festival of Food, Handmade will be showcasing the best fresh food, street food, drinks and pantry items from the Canberra region and around Australia. As warming food is in season, Handmade is celebrating the cool climate in style. Comforting hot, spicy drinks, warming winter wines and spirits and nourishing and hearty food will play a central role in the market's gourmet food hall. Designers will be bringing the cosiness too, with warm knits, pampering bodycare and an array of candles and homewares to feather your winter nest.

"It's always worth it to brave the winter chill for a day out at Handmade" says market founder and owner Julie Nichols. "The market is all indoors and heated, so along with the amazing food and great shopping, it's the perfect Winter day out, really." As always, Handmade is committed to bringing the best in design to the people of Canberra, and they have hand-picked 60 new stallholders for the market. "We love giving our regulars plenty of new stallholders to enjoy while ensuring they can always revisit some favourites too," says Nichols.

There will be some impressive, brand new food offerings this time around. For those who like it sweet, Choux Patisserie will be bringing their exquisite hand-crafted choux pastries that are like edible works of art; Raw Integrity Chocolates will be premiering their range of handmade, raw, vegan chocolate bars and Pop Up Poffertjes will be making hot, fresh Dutch pancakes on the spot. Canberrans can stock their gourmet pantries with a range of spice mixes, pastes, vinegars, and oils from the likes of Josh & Sue Gourmet Selection, Chunky Dave's Peanut Butter, and Cider Tonic handcrafted apple cider vinegar.

The bar area will feature a range of wines from the Canberra region and beyond. Tulloch wines will make their market debut, bringing a piece of the Hunter Valley to Canberra, and Original Spirit Co. will be offering unique gin fusions such as their Country Rhubarb with Ginger Ginfusion mix. Perfect for chilly winter days, there will be a range of hand-blended teas from Tea Totaler and spiced, sweet, comforting chai blends from Real Chai.

In the design halls, newcomers are set to impress Handmade crowds. Clare Mazitelli's bright, fun, handprinted fabrics adorn gorgeous handmade bags and accessories. Elodie Jewellery's contemporary jewellery designs look like they've come straight from a jewellery boutique. Tiny Finery's charming children's clothes are an Instagram sensation, and Nude Pets will be bringing a unique range of all natural pet grooming products.

Handmade will again be proudly hosting St Vincent De Paul's blanket drive. Vinnies will have a stall as a drop off point, and together with Handmade are asking Canberrans for their excess warm clothing and blankets that are still in good condition, to distribute to members of our community who need them this Winter. Historically, Handmade Canberra shoppers have managed to supply Vinnies with enough clothing and blankets for a whole Winter, and they're asking once again for shoppers to give generously.

While entry is free, Handmade Canberra has invited local charity, Bosom Buddies, to collect donations at the entry points to the market. Donations made by generous Handmade shoppers make a huge difference to the lives of Canberra women with breast cancer. Inviting charities to collect donations at the doors is just another way Handmade Canberra likes to give back to its beloved city.

Come and celebrate all there is to enjoy about Winter, June 29 & 30, 2019 at the Handmade 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 from homewares, fashion, jewellery, art, design to 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 29th and Sunday 30th June, 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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