

## FESTIVALS+EVENTS



## Australia Day Celebrations

### ■ AUSTRALIA-WIDE

The biggest celebration day on the Australian calendar, Australia Day unites 23 million Aussies as they celebrate everything great about being Australian. Whether you're in the city or the country, there are thousands of events Australia-wide that'll get you in the party spirit. Aussies from anywhere to the back o' Bourke will be gearing up in their best Australiana outfits to do what we do best – fire up the barbie. Whether you decide to have a "big one" or a "quiet one", don't forget to say, Happy Australia Day!

**26 January, Australia-wide** [australiaday.org.au](http://australiaday.org.au)



## Chinese New Year

### ■ SYDNEY

Kung Hei Fat Choy! Come and celebrate the forthcoming Year of the Horse and all things Chinese when Sydney comes alive with the smells and sounds of Asia. The program is jam-packed with a plethora of exhibitions, tours and workshops; and look out for the festival highlights, which include the Festival Launch, Dragon Boat Races, the glamorous Dragon Ball and the not-to-be-missed Chinese New Year Twilight Parade.

**24 January - 9 February at various locations around Sydney.**  
[sydneychinesenewyear.com](http://sydneychinesenewyear.com)



## Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras

### ■ SYDNEY

A global beacon of diversity and acceptance, the Mardi Gras festival has come a long way since its first parade 36 years ago. The biggest event of its kind in the world has become a month-long party culminating in a flamboyant traffic-stopping parade of 10,000 dazzling, flesh-baring and mostly costumed partying folk. On 2 March join the throngs of people lining the streets to watch the 150 themed floats travel along Oxford Street to Moore Park.

**7 February - 2 March at various locations around Sydney.**  
[mardigras.org.au](http://mardigras.org.au)



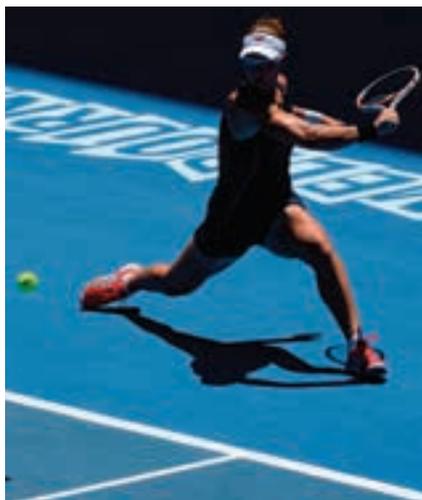
## Hurley Australian Open of Surfing

### ■ SYDNEY

Where better to see some of the world's best professional surfers compete for the best wave than at Manly Beach, the birthplace of modern surfing in Australia. Celebrating action sports, music, art and fashion, the event also incorporates skateboarding and the Junior Pro Surfing Tournament.

**8 - 16 February at Manly Beach, Sydney.**  
[australianopenofsurfing.com](http://australianopenofsurfing.com)

**+EVENTS**



**Australian Open**

■ MELBOURNE

The first grand-slam of the tennis season, fans can expect a fortnight of world-class nail-biting competition when the world's greatest tennis players descend on Melbourne. Watch as they battle it out on the court in the day, and afterwards, enjoy the evening music concerts and live entertainment.

**13 - 26 January at Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne**  
[ausopen.com/index.html](http://ausopen.com/index.html)



**Santos Tour Down Under**

■ ADELAIDE

Attracting some of the world's best professional cyclists, this event is the first of the year for the UCI ProTour. More than just a cycling race, enjoy street parties, regional food and wine at the many community events, then burn off some calories by competing in the Bupa Challenge Tour. Visit the Tour Village and Bike Expo, and rub shoulders with the gods of the cycling world at the Legend's Night Dinner.

**19 - 26 January in Adelaide and locations surrounding the city.**  
[tourdownunder.com.au](http://tourdownunder.com.au)

**FOOD + DRINK**



**Melbourne Food and Wine Festival**

■ MELBOURNE

Anyone with a tastebud will love the 200 plus events set to fill Melbourne's colossal network of restaurants, laneways, rooftops, and basements, as well as across regional Victoria. This year the festival celebrates all things aquatic, so expect to

collect a sea of information on soaking, steaming and dousing while exploring the bounty of lakes, ponds, waterways and oceans.

**28 February - 16 March in various locations in Melbourne and regional Victoria.**  
[melbournefoodandwine.com.au/festival](http://melbournefoodandwine.com.au/festival)

**+MUSIC**



**Tamworth Country Music Festival**

■ TAMWORTH, NSW

Whip out the Wranglers, R.M. Williams boots and Akubra: it's time to immerse yourself in all things country at the largest music festival in the Southern Hemisphere.

Check out the who's who of Australian country music at the famous Golden Guitar Awards, and sing and swing to 4,000 shows across 120 venues.

**17 - 26 January, Tamworth NSW**  
[tcmf.com.au](http://tcmf.com.au)



**St Jerome's Laneway Festival**

■ AUSTRALIA-WIDE

The festival has come a long way from its humble beginnings in 2004. "The" Indie music event of the year is back bigger than ever and is set to rock Australian cities this summer. Famous for obscure but talented acts, this year's line up won't disappoint.

**31 January - 8 February, Across Australia**  
[lanewayfestival.com.au](http://lanewayfestival.com.au)



**St Kilda Festival**

■ MELBOURNE

The annual free music festival is set to sizzle in Melbourne's favourite seaside suburb. The festival showcases the diversity of Australian culture with music, art and interactive workshops. The nine-day event climaxes with the iconic "Festival Sunday" that rocks the streets of St Kilda.

**1 - 9 February in St Kilda, Melbourne**  
[stkildafestival.com.au](http://stkildafestival.com.au)

+ART



## Adelaide Fringe Festival

■ ADELAIDE

An open-access festival means only one thing – fresh ideas, spontaneity and fun. Anyone with a show, exhibition or cultural event is able to register, resulting in 900 plus events set in parks, warehouses, laneways, empty buildings and any established venue that will have them. Be entertained by both international and home-grown talent spanning everything from cabaret to comedy and puppetry to visual art and design.

**14 February - 16 March in various venues across Adelaide.**  
[adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au)



## Perth International Arts Festival

■ PERTH

The essential Perth experience, the 62nd Perth Festival's diverse program offers a world-class cultural feast for arts lovers of all persuasions. Witness more than 1000 of the world's most exciting contemporary artists transform Perth with their daring, thoughtful and innovative performances in theatre, dance, circus acts and music.

**7 February - 1 March in various locations in Perth.**  
[perthfestival.com.au](http://perthfestival.com.au)



## Gold and the Incas: Lost Worlds of Peru

■ CANBERRA

The first exhibition of Peruvian art ever staged in Australia showcases the splendour of the ancient cultures of Peru. More than 200 objects including gold decoration pieces, intricate jewellery, embroidered and woven cloths and ceramic sculptures make up the display that celebrates the famous Incan empire and its predecessors.

**6 December - 21 April, National Gallery of Australia, [nga.gov.au](http://nga.gov.au)**

+PERFORMANCE



## Australia Day

■ BRISBANE

Any true blue Aussie will love this bang-up to-the-moment barbecue-stopper of a comedy that follows a mob of bumbling bureaucratic battlers as they debate the minute details of the national day in the small country town of Coriole. Get ready to laugh, cringe and think about the dinky-di Aussie idiosyncrasies that make our culture unique.

**25 January - 15 February,**  
**Playhouse QPAC, Brisbane**  
[queenslandtheatre.com.au/Whats-On/Mainstage-Season-2014/Australia-Day](http://queenslandtheatre.com.au/Whats-On/Mainstage-Season-2014/Australia-Day)



## WIN A COPY OF RIDDICK ON BLU-RAY OR DVD

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