

SYDNEY & NEW SOUTH WALES EVENTS CALENDAR

— JULY 2016 – JUNE 2017 —







On behalf of the NSW Government, I am proud to present the 2016-17 Sydney and NSW Events Calendar – your essential guide to the fantastic range of activities and entertainment on offer across Sydney and Regional NSW.

This world-class calendar reveals the impressive line-up of sporting, arts, culture and lifestyle events to be staged over the next year. The NSW Government remains committed to securing major events across the State which attracts visitors from around NSW, Australia and the world, helping boost the NSW visitor economy.

The calendar features events that will appeal to people of all tastes and ages, including the Australian premiere of Disney's musical Aladdin, the NCAA College Football Sydney Cup match between the University of California and

the University of Hawaii, Dream Lover – The Bobby Darin Musical, Sculpture by the Sea, the 2016 NRL Grand Final and Vivid Sydney, the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas.

There are a great range of Regional NSW events including the Indoor Cricket National Junior Championships in Dubbo, Australian Surf Festival in Coffs Harbour, Taste Riverina Festival in Wagga Wagga, Bravo Challenge in Wollongong and the Tamworth Country Music Festival.

I encourage you to make the most of this impressive 2016-17 Sydney and NSW Events Calendar and take some time to visit our spectacular beaches, restaurants and local attractions as there is plenty to see and do in Australia's premier tourism and events State.

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Minister for Trade, Tourism
and Major Events

Minister for Sport



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SYDNEY AND NSW HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

JULY 2016



AUSTRALIAN SURF FESTIVAL
29 July – 15 August
Coffs Harbour

AUGUST 2016



BLDISLOE CUP FESTIVAL
6 - 20 August
Various locations across Sydney

NOVEMBER 2016



SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL ART SERIES
3 November – 5 March
Art Gallery of NSW & Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney

DECEMBER 2016



COATES HIRE SYDNEY 500
2 – 4 December
Sydney Olympic Park

MARCH 2017



SYDNEY GAY AND LESBIAN MARDI GRAS
4 March
Various locations across Sydney

APRIL 2017



SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW
6 – 19 April
Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park

SEPTEMBER 2016



FIM ASIA SUPERMOTO CHAMPIONSHIP
3 – 4 September
Foreshore Park, Newcastle

OCTOBER 2016



**2016 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP
GRAND FINAL WEEK SYDNEY**
26 September – 2 October
Various locations across Sydney

JANUARY 2017



PARKES ELVIS™ FESTIVAL
11 – 15 January
Parkes

FEBRUARY 2017



HSBC SYDNEY 7s
4 – 5 February
Allianz Stadium, Sydney

MAY 2017



VIVID SYDNEY
May – June
Various locations across Sydney

JUNE 2017



PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL
9 – 12 June
Perisher



Isabella Blow: A Fashionable Life

Until 28 August

A rare chance to see the wardrobe of late fashion editor, stylist and muse Isabella Blow.

Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

Ballina Fine Wine and Food Festival

1 - 3 July

Savour this showcase of the best local food, drinks and entertainment.

Ballina

2016 Australian Indoor Junior Championships

2 - 9 July

The best under-age indoor cricketers in Australia battle it out for the annual national titles.

Dubbo

Eastern University Games

3 - 7 July

University and TAFE students will play a variety of team and individual sports in this highly competitive series.

Wollongong

Westfield National Youth Championships for Girls

4 - 8 July

Australia's best female footballers compete in this prestigious youth tournament.

Coffs Harbour

Sydney International Piano Competition

6 - 23 July

A showcase of outstanding pianists from all over the world.

Conservatorium of Music and Sydney Opera House

Holden State of Origin - Game 3

13 July

See the NSW Blues play the QLD Maroons in a thrilling finale to the 2016 Origin Series.

**ANZ Stadium,
Sydney Olympic Park**

Archibald Prize Exhibition

16 July - 9 October

Showcasing finalists from Australia's favourite portrait prize.

Art Gallery of NSW

Helpmann Awards 2016

25 July

Celebrate artistic achievement in the Australian live performance industry.

Sydney Lyric Theatre

Australian Surf Festival

29 July - 15 August

Watch more than 500 surfers compete for the title, Australian Champion.

Coffs Harbour

*Sydney awarded #1 in Australia and South Pacific in 2016
Tripadvisor's Travellers' Choice Destinations Awards.*

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Disney's Aladdin - The Musical

From August

The beloved story of Aladdin comes to thrilling theatrical life in Disney's bold new musical comedy.

Capitol Theatre

Evocities MTB Series

7 August

Australia's best mountain bikers gear up to compete in this major regional NSW enduro race series.

Tamworth

Bledisloe Cup Festival

6 - 20 August

A series of rugby events builds up to the spectacle of the Bledisloe Cup.

Various locations across Sydney

Bangalow Music Festival

12 - 14 August

The finest chamber and orchestral musicians perform along with artists from around the world.

Bangalow

The Sun-Herald City2Surf

14 August

Elite athletes and beginners join in the world's largest fun run.

Hyde Park to Bondi Beach

Supercars Red Rooster

Sydney SuperSprint

26 - 28 August

Get up close to the super action when the Supercars come to Sydney's home of motorsport.

**Sydney Motorsport Park,
Eastern Creek**

College Football Sydney Cup

27 August

University of California Berkley vs University of Hawaii in the opening round of the NCAA College Football Championships.

**ANZ Stadium,
Sydney Olympic Park**

Dubbo Stampede

Running Festival

28 August

This community event has plenty of options - walk 5.5km, run 10km or run a marathon.

Dubbo

My Fair Lady

From 30 August

Don't miss this 60th Anniversary production directed by Julie Andrews.

Sydney Opera House

NSW won best sporting event at the 2015 Australian Event Awards for Chelsea FC v Sydney FC match.

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Bravo Challenge

3 - 4 September
Experience 50 Challenges over 2 days throughout Wollongong's adventure playground.

Wollongong

FIM Asia Supermoto Championship – Round 1

3 - 4 September
Fast, fun and exciting on and off-road motorcycle action.

Foreshore Park, Newcastle

Coffs Harbour Running Festival

4 September
This event for the whole family offers fun runs and walks.

Coffs Harbour

Evocities MTB Series

4 September (**Wagga Wagga**)
25 September (**Dubbo**)
Australia's best mountain bikers gear up to compete in this major regional NSW enduro race series.

Tulip Time Festival

13 - 25 September
Two weeks of beautiful gardens in springtime.

Bowral

Blackmores Sydney Running Festival

18 September
Four exciting events to cater for all ages and fitness levels.

Milsons Point, Sydney

Dream Lover -

The Bobby Darin Musical

From September
The extraordinary story of legendary singer, songwriter and actor Bobby Darin, starring David Campbell.

Sydney Lyric Theatre

CurryFest

24 September
Woolgoolga's Indian Punjabi heritage is celebrated through music, dancing, food and fun.

Woolgoolga

2016 NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final Week Sydney

26 September - 2 October
A series of fun-packed events builds up to the much anticipated NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final.

Various locations across Sydney

Deni Ute Muster

30 September - 1 October
This family-friendly event attracts visitors to the flattest plains on earth.

Deniliquin

Taste Riverina Festival

30 September - 31 October
Celebrate the year's harvest with fine food, wine, beer and fun.

Wagga Wagga, Griffith

The Deni Ute Muster in NSW has grown to become one of Australia's premier rural events.

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Murrumbateman Moving Feast

1 - 2 October

A delicious event for the tastebuds features local wines and food.

Murrumbateman

Barellan Working Clydesdales and Heavy Horses Good Old Days Weekend

1 - 2 October

Early farming and lifestyle practices feature Clydesdale horses, bullocks, vintage farm machinery and so much more.

Barellan

FFA National Youth Championships for Boys

3 - 7 October

Footballers from across Australia compete in this prestigious youth tournament.

Coffs Harbour

Supercheap Auto Bathurst 1000

6 - 9 October

Experience the most iconic Supercars event at Mount Panorama, the ultimate battleground for this endurance race.

Mount Panorama, Bathurst

Kidtopia

7 - 9 October

A three-day festival for families to enjoy live music, activities for the young and young-at-heart, great food and more.

Parramatta Park

Rose Spectacular

15 October - 13 November

More than 2 million blooms include 35,000 rose bushes in more than 125 varieties.

Pokolbin

Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures

9 - 22 October

More than 60 large, fabulous 3D citrus sculptures line the main street of Griffith.

Griffith

Wingham Akoostik Music Festival

14 - 16 October

Camping, music workshops, food and creative places are on offer for all.

Wingham

Yokohama World Time Attack Challenge

14 - 15 October

See the fastest teams in the world go head-to-head in Sydney.

Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek

Orange Wine Festival

14 - 30 October

This Festival showcases stunning cool climate wines, talented chefs, local produce and eclectic retailers.

Orange

The Orange wine region grows more than 1,500ha of wine grapes, has 80 vineyards, over 40 wine labels and 35 cellar doors.





Sculpture by the Sea

20 October - 6 November

Join us for the largest free, public sculpture exhibition in the world.

Bondi to Tamarama Coastal Walk**ChromeFest**

21 - 23 October

Join in this tribute to hot rods, low-rider bicycles, rock 'n' roll and rockabilly.

The Entrance**UON Central Coast Sevens**

21 - 23 October

Catch all the action during Australia's premier rugby sevens tournament.

Wyang**Nepean Triathlon**

22 - 23 October

Australia's oldest triathlon held in Penrith with the Blue Mountains as a backdrop.

Penrith**ARTLANDS Dubbo 2016**

27 - 30 October

Part Conference. Part Festival. All Arts.

Dubbo**Dungog Festival**

27 - 30 October

This country festival of film, music, food, performances and markets is fun for all.

Dungog**Sydney Opera House - The Opera**

28 - 29 October & 3 - 5 November

Seated facing those magnificent sails, watch the epic tale of Sydney's famous building come to life.

Sydney Opera House Forecourt**Tastings on Hastings**

28 - 30 October

Enjoy the North Coast's premier food and wine festival.

Port Macquarie**Eden Whale Festival**

28 - 30 October

Celebrate the annual migration at one of Australia's premier whale-watching locations.

Eden**2016 Wollombi Sculpture in the Vineyards**

29 October - 3 December

Wollombi's boutique vineyards and historic village feature in this popular event.

Wollombi**Evocities MTB Series**

30 October

Australia's best mountain bikers gear up to compete in the sixth leg of this major regional NSW enduro race series.

Armidaale*All 45 species of whales and dolphins found in Australian waters cruise along the NSW coast during the annual migration.*

Sydney International Art Series - Tatsuo Miyajima

3 November - 5 March

Exclusive major exhibition of world-renowned Japanese artist. A feast of light featuring key sculptures and immersive installations.

**Museum of Contemporary Art
Australia, Sydney**

Ballet Under the Stars - Swan Lake

5 November

Under a blanket of stars, The Australian Ballet brings a free outdoor performance of world-class ballet to Penrith.

**Sydney International Regatta
Centre, Penrith**

Tastes at the Bay Food, Wine & Jazz Festival

5 - 6 November

Wine, food, music and markets are the highlights.

Port Stephens

Carcoar Cup Running Festival

5 - 6 November

Some of the nation's best runners compete on this challenging course.

Carcoar & Neville

Sydney International Art Series - Nude: Art from the Tate Collection

5 November - 19 February

A spectacular tour through many major art movements, including romanticism, cubism, expressionism, realism, surrealism and feminism.

Art Gallery of NSW

Adventure Racing World Championships

8 - 18 November

The world's toughest adventure athletes traverse the Shoalhaven wilderness.

Shoalhaven

NSW Open Golf Championship (Kel Nagle Cup)

10 - 13 November

Watch the battle for one of the most prestigious titles in Australian golf.

**Stonecutters Ridge Golf Club,
Colebee**

AUS-X Open Sydney

12 - 13 November

World Champions take on Australia's best in Supercross and FMX.

**Qudos Bank Arena,
Sydney Olympic Park**

Sydney ranks 10 in the World's Most Liveable Cities list for 2016.





Kennards Hire Rally Australia

17 - 20 November

Coffs Coast hosts the final round of the 2016 World Rally Championship.

Coffs Harbour**Emirates Australian Open Golf**

17 - 20 November

The world's best compete in Sydney for Australian golf's most prized trophy.

Royal Sydney Golf Club, Rose Bay**ARIA Week**

November

The best new artists plus ground-breaking music industry conferences.

Various locations across Sydney**2016 ITU Cross Triathlon****World Championships**

19 - 20 November

More than 1,000 of the world's best athletes tackle a gruelling event for 'champion of the world'.

Snowy Mountains**2016 ARIA Awards****Connected by Telstra**

November

Annual awards celebrating the best of Australian music.

Sydney**MTV Beats & Eats**

November

A food and music festival like no other featuring local and international talent.

Wollongong**2016 NAB AFL Draft**

25 November

This major event brings together all 18 teams recruiting the best young prospects in the country.

Hordern Pavillion**The 2016 McDonald's****AFL9s Tournament**

25 - 26 November

A fun, social and non-contact tournament for all ages.

Sydney**Vanfest**

25 - 26 November

A boutique music festival that's packed with world-class names acts.

Forbes**Ironman 70.3 Western Sydney**

25 - 27 November

Athletes race along the iconic Penrith Lakes with the Blue Mountains as backdrop.

Penrith, Sydney**Evocities MTB Series**

27 November

Australia's best mountain bike riders gear up to compete in the final leg of this major regional NSW enduro series

Orange

The City of Sydney is home to 11 per cent of the creative and performing arts sector in Australia.

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MotorWorld Sydney

1 - 4 December

Check out the latest cars and motor-bikes on track, street and off-road circuits at this new family festival.

**Sydney Motorsport Park,
Eastern Creek**

L'Étape Australia by Le Tour de France

1 - 3 December

This road cycling event offers amateurs the chance to cycle under professional Tour de France conditions.

**Snowy Mountains - Crackenback,
Jindabyne, Perisher**

Coates Hire Sydney 500

2 - 4 December

The streets of Sydney Olympic Park will ignite for the final showdown in the Virgin Australia Supercars Championship.

Sydney Olympic Park

6th AACTA Awards presented by Presto

7 December

Celebrating the best of Australian film and television in 2016.

The Star Event Centre

nudie Australian Boardriders Battle - Qualifying Event

10 December

The last of the NSW qualifying events before the National Final.

Kiama

Egyptian Mummies: Exploring Ancient Lives

10 December - 30 April

Come face-to-face with six Ancient Egyptian mummies and discover their stories.

Powerhouse Museum, Sydney

Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race

26 December

An iconic harbour event on Boxing Day

Sydney Harbour

Sydney New Year's Eve

31 December

Sydney welcomes in the New Year with spectacular fireworks at 9pm and midnight.

Sydney Harbour

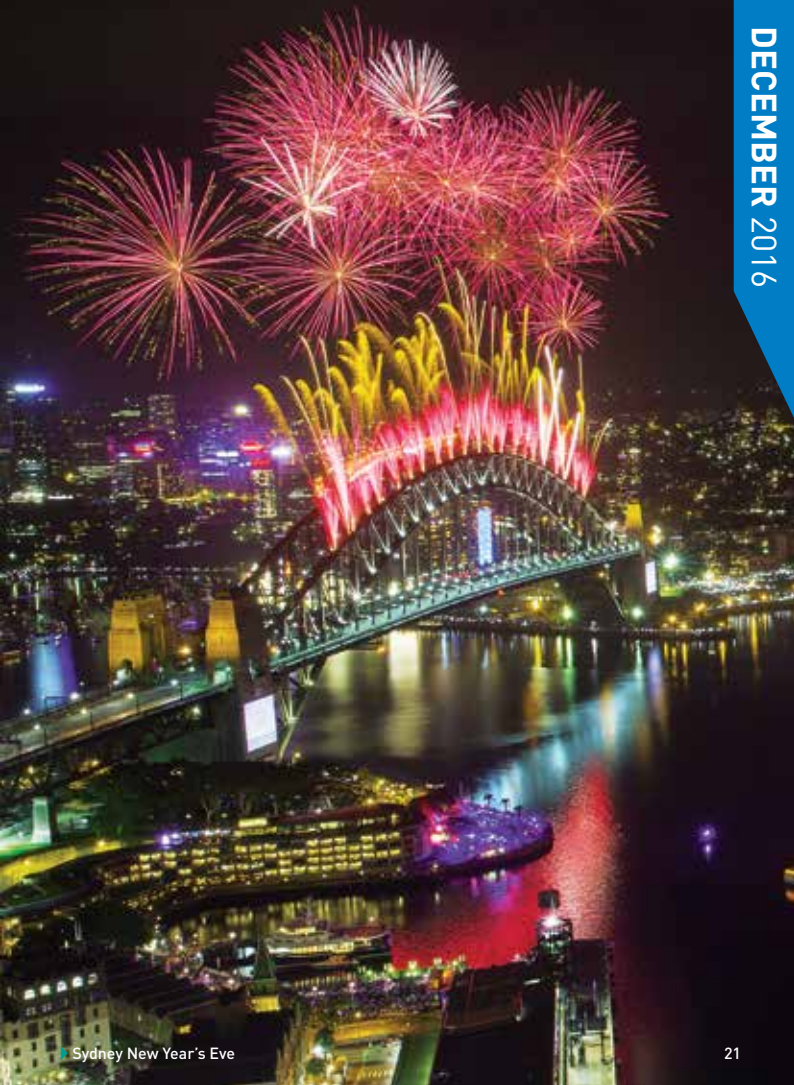
New Year's Eve at Hunter Valley Gardens

31 December

Welcome in the New Year with entertainment, fireworks and Christmas Lights.

Pokolbin

An estimated one billion people around the world watch Sydney light up for New Year's Eve each year.





Sydney Festival

7 - 29 January

A summer highlight in Sydney for everyone

Various locations across Sydney**Apia International Sydney**

8 - 14 January

Watch the stars of world tennis in action in Sydney.

**Sydney Olympic Park
Tennis Centre****Parkes Elvis™ Festival**

11 - 15 January

Celebrating 25 years in 2017 with more than 120 events over five days.

Parkes**Australia v The World in
FAST4 Tennis**

January

Tennis biggest stars take the court for a night of spectacular shot-making and entertainment.

Sydney**NSW Pro Surf Series - Carve Pro**

January

The first stop of the qualifying series events to the World Surf League Championship Tour.

Maroubra Beach**Tamworth Country Music Festival**

20 - 29 January

Australia's largest music festival over 10 days with 700 artists and 2,800 events.

Tamworth**Australia Day**

26 January

Music, entertainment and plenty of free fun for the family.

**Various locations across
Sydney and NSW****Yabun**

26 January

Australia's largest indigenous festival is held on Australia Day.

Victoria Park, Sydney**Sydney Chinese
New Year Festival**

27 January - 12 February

Giant zodiac lanterns, food and events celebrating the Year of the Rooster.

Various locations across Sydney*Sydney is the only Australian city to be featured by
The New York Times in the 52 Top places to go in 2016.***sydney.com | visitnsw.com**

Surfest

February
Australia's largest festival of surfing hosts the world's best professional men, women and junior surfers.

Newcastle

Telstra Stores Tweed Coast Pro

February
Australian and international surfers compete for a spot on the World Surf League Championship Tour.
Cabarita Beach

Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour

3 - 5 February
An international endurance race at the home of Australian motorsport.
Mt Panorama, Bathurst

The Sydney Morning Herald Sun Run

4 February
A popular, family-friendly event on Sydney's northern beaches.
Dee Why to Manly

HSBC Sydney 7s

4 - 5 February
A fun, thrilling and fast-paced seven-a-side competition with 16 teams from around the world.
Allianz Stadium, Sydney

Southern 80

10 - 12 February
The world's largest waterski race offers thrills and spills along the Murray River.
Echuca Moama

Miracle Mile Carnival

11, 18 & 25 February
The fastest horses in Australasia on the fastest harness racing track.
Tabcorp Park Menangle, Campbelltown

Komunity Project Great Lakes Pro pres. By Rockstar

February
Surfers compete for a spot on the World Surf League Championship Tour.
Boomerang Beach

Australian Surf Rowers League Open

17 - 19 February
The premier surf boat event in the world.
Shellharbour

Deniliquin Fishing Classic

17 - 19 February
The premier Murray Cod fishing event on the Edward River.
Deniliquin

The Blue Mountains was awarded Best Bushwalking Journey at the 2015 Australian Traveller People's Choice Awards.





Riverboats Music Festival

17 – 19 February

The Murray River's premiere contemporary music event features brilliant artists and delicious regional food and wine.

Moama**Pearl Izumi Huskisson Long Course Triathlon Festival**

17 – 19 February

A multisport festival on the shores of Jervis Bay.

Huskisson**nudie Australian Boardriders Battle - National Final**

17 – 19 February

Surfers of all ages represent their clubs as they compete for the title of Australia's champion club.

NSW**BOWL-A-RAMA Bondi**

18 – 19 February

Australia's biggest and most exciting professional skateboarding competition set right in the heart of iconic Bondi Beach.

Bondi Beach**Volleyfest**

February

Spectators will see 14 different visiting countries compete in a series of Volleyball tournaments across a 3 week period.

Manly Beach**Australian Bowl-riding Championships**

25 – 26 February

Australia's only true 'nationals' skateboarding competition welcoming skateboarders from every skill level and age.

Newcastle**Sydney Harbour Challenge presented by Hawaiian Airlines**

25 – 26 February

A 25km race in the fast-growing sport of outrigger canoe racing.

Manly**Australian Open of Surfing**

25 February – 5 March

A free festival featuring the world's best surfers, skateboarders and entertainment.

Manly Beach

Manly and Shelly Beach in Australia's top 10 beaches in Trip Advisor's 2016 Travellers Choice Awards.

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Komunity Project Central Coast Pro

March

Surfers compete for a spot on the World Surf League Championship Tour.

Avoca Beach

Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade

4 March

The world's loudest and proudest celebration of gay and lesbian diversity.

Various locations across Sydney

National Touch League

8 - 11 March

See Australia's best touch football talent in action.

Coffs Harbour

Longines Golden Slipper

18 March

Enjoy the thrill of one of the world's best racing carnivals.

**Rosehill Gardens Racecourse,
Sydney**

Australian Longboard Surfing Open

16 - 19 March

The warm surfing waters of Kingscliff welcome this annual surfing challenge.

Kingscliff Beach

Commercial Club Albury Gold Cup Carnival

23 - 24 March

One of the premier country racing carnivals in Australia.

Albury

Newcrest Orange Challenge

March

An exciting cycling event over rolling hills, around beautiful vineyards and picturesque open plains.

Orange

Australian X-Tri Championships & MultiSport Festival

March

Indulge your passion for all things mountain biking, trail running and swimming in this scenic location.

**Lake Crackenback,
Snowy Mountains**

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour - Carmen

24 March - 23 April

Sydney's spectacular cultural event on Sydney Harbour.

Mrs Macquaries Point, Sydney

Sydney International Rowing Regatta

27 March - 2 April

Featuring some of the world's finest athletes in a week-long rowing regatta.

Penrith, Sydney

*Sydney awarded #1 in Australia and South Pacific in the 2016
Trip Advisor's Travellers' Choice Destinations Awards.*





Orange F.O.O.D Week

31 March – 9 April

Entice your tastebuds as you experience the best of the region's food and wine in a festival atmosphere.

Orange**Bundanoon Highland Gathering Festival**

1 April

The highland setting is perfect as the backdrop to a range of traditional Scottish Highland Games.

Bundanoon**The Championships**

1 April

The grand finals of Australian racing and the jewel in the crown of the Sydney Autumn Carnival is not to be missed.

Royal Randwick, Sydney**Sydney Royal Easter Show**

6 - 19 April

Australia's largest annual event showcasing country life and family entertainment.

**Sydney Showground,
Sydney Olympic Park****Bluesfest**

13 – 17 April

Australia's famous blues and roots music festival.

Byron Bay**Easter Long Weekend at Hunter Valley Gardens**

14 – 17 April

A fantastic program of activities and prizes including a giant Easter egg hunt on Saturday and Sunday.

Pokolbin**Sail Port Stephens**

April

A week long, family friendly regatta held on the stunning waters of Port Stephens.

Port Stephens**Kidgeridge Music Festival**

April

A diverse array of musical talent features some of Australia's most recognised artists.

Milton Showground

First held in 1823, the Royal Easter Show is now Australia's largest annual event, attracting over 800,000 people every year.

Wings Over Illawarra

6 – 7 May

See jaw-dropping aerobatics plus classic and vintage aircraft in flight.

Illawarra Regional Airport

IRONMAN Australia & IRONMAN

70.3 Port Macquarie

7 May

Swim, cycle and run in idyllic locations around Port Macquarie.

Port Macquarie

Hunter Valley Wine and Food Festival

May – June

The region's diverse wine and food culture is showcased with two months of themed activities throughout May and June.

Hunter Valley

Ultra-Trail Australia

18 – 21 May

Join the southern hemisphere's largest trail running festival in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.

Katoomba

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Australia

May

Australia's best designers showcase their Resort 18 Collections.

Carriageworks, Sydney

Sydney Writers Festival

22 – 28 May

Australia's largest celebration of literature, stories and ideas.

Various locations across Sydney

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Weekend Edition

May

Sit where they sat and access Fashion Week like a true insider.

Carriageworks, Sydney

Batlow CiderFest

May

Australia's best CiderFest street party comes alive with great entertainment, cider and food.

Batlow

Port to Port MTB Newcastle

25 – 28 May

A four day stage mountain bike race across the iconic local scenery of Newcastle, Port Stephens, Lake Macquarie and the Hunter Region.

Newcastle and the Hunter Region

Vivid Sydney

May – June

Sydney becomes a creative canvas of light, music and ideas.

Various locations across Sydney

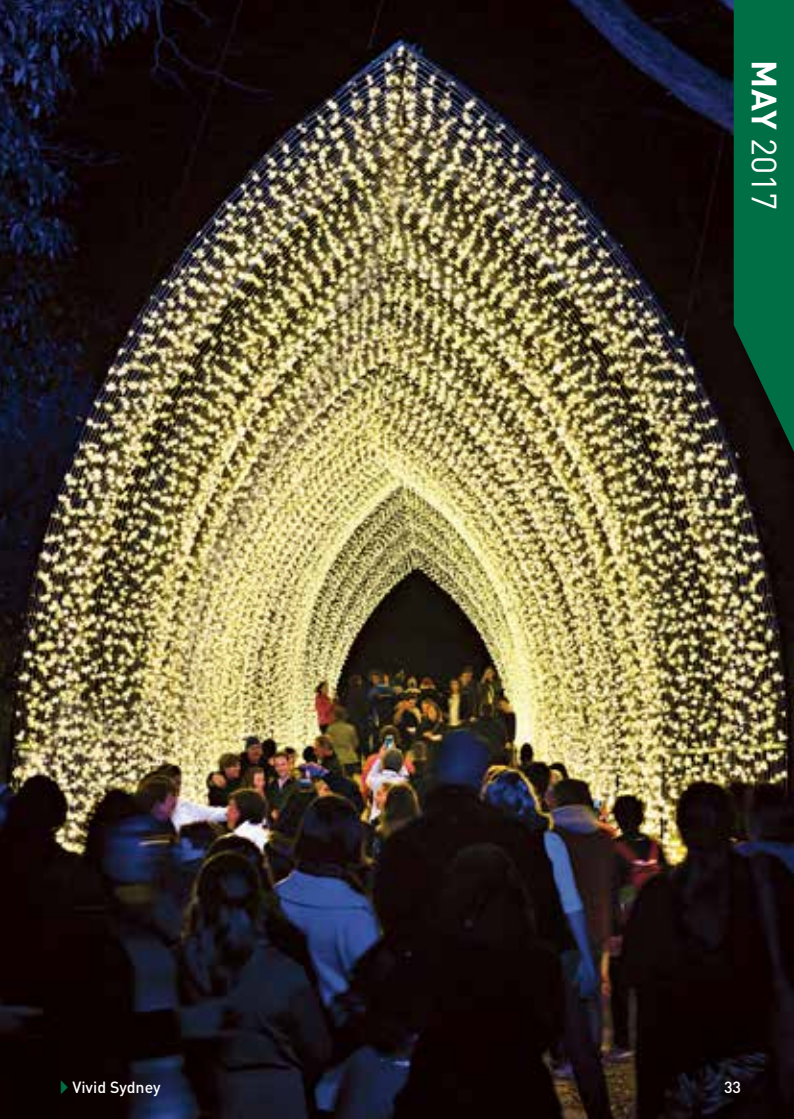
NCHA Futurity

May – June

The pinnacle of horse-cutting championships in Australia.

Tamworth

Vivid Sydney was named Australia's Best Tourism Event for the third consecutive year at the 2015 Australian Event Awards.





Holden State of Origin – Game 2

June

Don't miss Rugby League's greatest rivals in action when the NSW Blues play the QLD Maroons.

**ANZ Stadium,
Sydney Olympic Park**

Sydney Film Festival

7 – 18 June

Enjoy the best features, documentaries and short films from across Australia and the world.

Various locations across Sydney

Peak Music Festival

9 – 12 June

Celebrate the opening of the winter snow season with great music.

Perisher

2017 Australian Badminton Open

20 – 25 June

The best players from more than 30 countries compete for top prize money.

**Sydney Olympic Park
Sports Centre**

True Grit

June

More than thirty obstacles over a rugged 10-12km military inspired obstacle course through natural terrain.

**Dargle Farm, Lower Portland,
Hawkesbury**

**Coonamble Rodeo
and Campdraft**

June

The largest combined rodeo and campdraft in the southern hemisphere.

Coonamble

**Shoalhaven Coast
Winter Wine Festival**

June

Fine wine, fabulous food, music, markets, vineyard tours and more.

Shoalhaven

Snow Time in the Garden

June – July

Visit Snow Time in the Garden for a fun, family experience with ice skating, toboggan, snow play and more at Hunter Valley Gardens.

Pokolbin

Kosciuszko National Park has been named a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve with more than half the area of the park declared wilderness.

DISCOVER REGIONAL NSW



THE REGIONS OF NSW OFFER A YEAR-ROUND SOURCE OF ADVENTURE AND EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYONE.

Whether you enjoy hiking through alpine scenery to the peak of the highest mountain in Australia, paddling along a peaceful river to an overnight campsite or hang gliding over golden beaches – NSW is the perfect destination. Make sure the stunning World Heritage Areas are top of your NSW must-visit list; Lord Howe Island Group, the Greater Blue Mountains, Willandra Lakes Regions featuring Mungo National Park, and the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia along the North Coast.



BLUE MOUNTAINS

Just 90 minutes' drive from Sydney, this region is famous for the beautiful sandstone cliffs and deep valleys that are part of the vast Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. This extraordinary setting is the perfect backdrop for bushwalking, climbing, abseiling and mountain biking; more relaxing past times include dining, shopping, golf and spa treatments in luxurious retreats.



CENTRAL COAST

An hour's drive north of Sydney, this region is known for its many natural attributes - waterways, sparkling beaches and lush countryside. National parks here offer many different experiences while water sports range from surfing and fishing to sailing and water skiing. Feed pelicans at The Entrance, visit local zoos, play golf, go cycling and skydiving, ziplining, horse riding and quad biking.



COUNTRY NSW

The rural heartland of NSW offers an amazing variety of holiday experiences. Savour beautiful food and wine in the Southern Highlands and the Canberra Region; on the Great Western Plains visit the incredible Taronga Western Plains Zoo; or head to Orange and Mudgee for gourmet produce and acclaimed wines. Discover Tamworth, Capital of Country, or head to Armidale, hub for New England High Country.



LORD HOWE ISLAND

This World Heritage-listed paradise, located two hours' flight from Sydney or Brisbane, is a crescent-shaped island where you'll be one of only 400 visitors. Swim in the pristine waters of the world's southernmost coral reef or explore the palm-fringed paradise by bike or on foot. Outstanding natural beauty is your backdrop to swim, snorkel, dive, fish, canoe and bushwalk at every turn.

DISCOVER REGIONAL NSW



MURRAY AND RIVERINA

Australia's greatest river is the heart of this rich agricultural region. Life on The Murray is relaxed and laid-back with plenty of ways to soak up the ambience. Take a paddle boat cruise or hire a houseboat, play golf, go cycling or fishing. Enjoy wine-tasting at cellar doors in the Riverina and discover a variety of paddock-to-plate experiences including food and wine trails.



NORTH COAST

Stretching from the Mid-North Coast to The Tweed, this region abounds in stunning natural treasures: beautiful beaches, big rivers, volcanic hinterland and World Heritage rainforests. Immerse yourself in nature, sample the famed beach culture, dine well on fresh seafood and gourmet produce, luxuriate in five-star resorts, play golf on championship courses and see dolphins and whales in the wild.



OUTBACK NSW

The most intoxicating aspect of this grand region is space – it's vast, open and liberating. Touring by car is the best way to get around, creating an unforgettable adventure along the way. Drop into outback pubs and country towns, visit an outback city (Broken Hill), camp out under the stars and gain insights from local guides into Aboriginal heritage through shared stories and cultural sites.



SNOWY MOUNTAINS

Whatever the season, there's nowhere quite like the Snowy Mountains region. During winter, enjoy skiing, snowboarding and snow-play at Thredbo, Perisher, Charlotte Pass and Selwyn Snowfields; when the snow melts, the landscape is perfect for adventures from hiking and mountain biking to fishing and horse riding. Discover fine food and wine, enjoy exhilarating alpine drives and take in spectacular scenery at every turn.



SOUTH COAST

Stretching from Stanwell Park along the coast to Eden, the South Coast is a region of unspoilt natural beauty. Popular water-based activities include whale watching (May-Nov) and swimming with seals; the lush bushland is enjoyed by bush walkers, bird-lovers and bike riders. Local dairy farms have a long tradition of producing gourmet cheeses while pristine waterways form part of a 300km oyster trail. Explore the region by following the Grand Pacific Drive from Sydney to Wollongong.



THE HUNTER

This region of varied landscapes encompasses the beautiful vineyards and restaurants of the Hunter Valley, the world-class horse studs of the Upper Hunter, the vibrant coastal city Newcastle, the vast blue waterways of Port Stephens and Lake Macquarie. Enjoy pampering, golf, hot air balloons, hiking, quad biking and endless water sports or gaze in awe at dolphins and whales in the wild.

EXPERIENCE THE



WORLD-FAMOUS ICONS

Admire one of the world's most beautiful cities from the summit of the Sydney Harbour Bridge on a guided BridgeClimb. Then explore the famous stages of the World Heritage-listed Sydney Opera House on a backstage tour or enjoy a world-class performance.



SEE AUSTRALIA'S ANIMALS

Sydney is home to world-class zoos and aquariums where you can see Australia's unique animals up close. Taronga Zoo, Manly SEA LIFE Sanctuary, SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium and WILD LIFE Sydney are harbourside while Featherdale Wildlife Park is in Western Sydney.



SYDNEY SHOPPING

Whether you love chic international fashion or cutting-edge Australian designers, you'll enjoy shopping in Sydney. Highlights include Westfield Sydney, the Queen Victoria Building and Strand Arcade, The Galleries and funky weekend markets across the city.



SYDNEY WALKS

Sydney's a great city to explore on foot with walking tracks that are both easy and scenic. Check out the Manly to Spit Walk, the Nielsen Park foreshore walk and the Bondi to Coogee Coastal Walk as well as the newest trail at Barangaroo Reserve by the harbour.

HIGHLIGHTS OF SYDNEY



SYDNEY'S HERITAGE

Join a walking tour of The Rocks, Sydney's oldest colonial quarter or visit museums, historic houses and cultural sites across the city where you'll get the inside story on Sydney's unique history and heritage both from an Aboriginal and European perspective.



DISCOVER THE HARBOUR

Soak up the natural beauty of Sydney on a leisurely harbour cruise or short ferry ride from Circular Quay to Manly. Alternatively, go for a spin around the harbour on a high-speed jet boat, kayak in sheltered coves or laze on the deck of a luxury yacht with a skipper at the wheel.



SYDNEY ARTS

Sydney has a dynamic arts scene with major exhibitions at prestigious galleries and museums and world-class performances at venues including the Opera House. A vibrant cultural events calendar keeps the city buzzing with highlights such as New Year's Eve and Vivid Sydney.



TASTE SYDNEY

Fabulous harbourside restaurants, cool bars, funky cafes and heritage pubs; Sydney's dining scene is creative, eclectic and affordable. Add exciting eat streets in Western Sydney serving cuisine from around the world and you've got a global dining hot spot.

AND SURROUNDS



BEACHSIDE COOL

Learn to surf with experienced guides at some of the most famous beaches in Australia, Bondi and Manly. Bondi's Campbell Parade and Manly's Corso are lined with outdoor cafes, gelato bars, cool restaurants, organic stores and surf shops.



SYDNEY FROM ABOVE

Brave a sky dive onto the beach, go on a tandem hang-glide over the coast or get your adrenalin racing on a helicopter flight over the city. Get a bird's eye view from Sydney Tower Eye or board a luxury seaplane on Sydney Harbour for a flight over the harbour.



EXPLORE ABORIGINAL HERITAGE

Just 90 minutes' drive from Sydney is the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area where you can gain insights into the culture of the Aboriginal people who have lived here for thousands of years at the Waradah Aboriginal Centre.



WESTERN SYDNEY ADVENTURES

Explore the growing adventure playground in Western Sydney. Go rafting at Penrith Whitewater Stadium, enjoy the thrills and spoils of Wet'n'Wild Sydney, experience thrilling aerial adventures with iFLY Downunder and Jetpack Adventures in Penrith.



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