On behalf of the NSW Government, it gives me great pleasure to present the 2017/18 Sydney and NSW Events Calendar; your essential guide to the fantastic range of activities and entertainment on offer across Sydney and rural and regional NSW.

Through our tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW, we are growing the State’s economy by securing major events and attracting record numbers of visitors to NSW. We are committed to building a top-class major events calendar and promoting our incredible State right around the world.

This calendar reveals the impressive line-up of sporting, arts, cultural and lifestyle events to be staged over the coming year. Some of these highlights include College Football Sydney Cup 2017, the Australian premiere of Beautiful - The Carole King Musical, the 2017 NRL Grand Final, the Blackmores Sydney Running Festival and, of course, Vivid Sydney, the world’s largest festival of light, music and ideas.

There is also a great range of rural and regional NSW events including the Parkes Elvis™ Festival, Snowtunes in Jindabyne, FFA National Youth Championships in Coffs Harbour, Taste Riverina in Wagga Wagga, the Grafton Jacaranda Festival and the TOYOTA Tamworth Country Music Festival.

I encourage you to make the most of this impressive 2017-18 Sydney and NSW Events Calendar. Take some time to visit our iconic and unique attractions, events and getaways as there’s plenty to see and do, and it’s all in our backyard.

The Hon. Adam Marshall MP
Minister for Tourism and Major Events
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SYDNEY AND NSW HIGHLIGHT EVENTS

AUGUST 2017

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SYDNEY CUP
27 August
Allianz Stadium, Moore Park

SEPTEMBER 2017

2017 NRL TELSTRA PREMIERSHIP GRAND FINAL WEEK
25 September - 1 October
ANZ Stadium & Sydney CBD

NOVEMBER 2017

MURIEL’S WEDDING - THE MUSICAL
6 November - 27 January 2018
Roslyn Packer Theatre,
Sydney Theatre Company

DECEMBER 2017

VANFEST
1 - 2 December
Forbes

MARCH 2018

SYDNEY GAY AND LESBIAN MARDI GRAS PARADE
3 March
Various locations across Sydney

APRIL 2018

SAIL PORT STEPHENS
9 - 15 April
Port Stephens
OCTOBER 2017

BARBARIANS TOUR 2017
24 and 28 October
Lismore and Sydney

OCTOBER 2017

ORANGE WINE FESTIVAL
13 - 22 October
Orange

JANUARY 2018

PARKES ELVIS™ FESTIVAL
10 - 14 January
Parkes

FEBRUARY 2018

HUSKISSON ULTIMATE TRIATHLON FESTIVAL
16 - 18 February
Huskisson

MAY 2018

VIVID SYDNEY
May - June
Various locations across Sydney

JUNE 2018

PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL
8 - 11 June
Perisher
**Kinky Boots Sydney**
Ends 13 August
Cyndi Lauper’s hit musical *Kinky Boots* takes you on a hilarious journey from a working-class shoe factory to the runways of Milan.

**Capitol Theatre, Sydney**

**Love Sea Food**
1 – 31 August
A month-long celebration of the fresh and delicious Port Stephens seafood and the people who catch it.

**Nelson Bay**

**The Sun-Herald City2Surf presented by Westpac**
13 August
Elite athletes and beginners run side by side in the world’s largest fun run.

**Hyde Park to Bondi Beach**

**Bangalow Music Festival**
18 - 20 August
The finest Australian chamber and orchestral musicians perform along with artists from around the world.

**Bangalow**

**Red Rooster Sydney SuperSprint**
18 - 20 August
Get up close to the action when Supercars come to Sydney’s home of motorsport.

**Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek**

**Bledisloe Cup: Qantas Wallabies v All Blacks**
19 August
The ultimate trans-Tasman rivalry continues when the Qantas Wallabies face the New Zealand All Blacks.

**ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park**

**My Fair Lady**
From 24 August
Don’t miss the 60th-anniversary production of this iconic musical, directed by Julie Andrews.

**Capitol Theatre, Sydney**

**Offshore Superboats Championships - Round 3**
26 - 27 August
A round of the adrenaline-racing Offshore Superboats Championships.

**Coffs Harbour**

**College Football Sydney Cup - Stanford University Cardinal v Rice University Owls**
27 August
Experience the match day passion, cheerleaders, mascots and marching bands, plus American food.

**Allianz Stadium, Moore Park**

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*The first official Bledisloe Cup match was held at Sydney Cricket Ground on July 2, 1932.*
Snowtunes
1 - 2 September
Australia’s music festival in the snow, over two nights, on
two stages.
Snowy Mountains

Sample Food Festival
2 September
Celebrating local growers, chefs, and food artisans, Bangalow hosts
more than 200 producers.
Bangalow

FIM Oceania Supermoto Championship
2 - 3 September
Fast and furious on-and off-road motorcycle action that mixes road
racing with motocross.
Newcastle

Broken Heel Festival
8 - 10 September
A handbag full of stunning drag artists and entertainers descend
on this iconic Outback city for three days of divas and disco.
Broken Hill

Mudgee Wine and Food
9 September - 2 October
Hosted by various cellar doors with live music, lunches, dinners,
tastings and tours.
Mudgee

Tulip Time Festival
12 - 24 September
One of Australia’s oldest and largest floral festivals showcases
100,000 tulip bulbs in a spectacular Springtime display.
Bowral

Write Around the Murray Festival
13 - 17 September
A five-day festival of reading, writing and storytelling held in the
vibrant regional city of Albury, on the Murray River.
Albury

Westfield Matildas v Brazil
16 and 19 September
Two powerhouse teams go head-to-head in the 2017 International
Series.
Penrith and Newcastle

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical
From 17 September
Discover the inspirational true story behind Carole King’s
remarkable rise from teenage songwriter to global superstar.
Sydney Lyric Theatre

Blackmores Sydney Running Festival
17 September
Take part in the marathon, half marathon, 10km Run or 3.5km
Family Run.
Sydney

Over 20,000 visitors head to Deniliquin each year to celebrate the
iconic ute and all things Australian.
sydney.com | visitnsw.com
KCON
22 - 23 September
This global Korean pop music and cultural convention is coming to Sydney.
Qudos Bank Arena,
Sydney Olympic Park

Woolgoolga CurryFest
23 September
Celebrate Woolgoolga’s Punjabi heritage with music, dancing, food.
Woolgoolga

Grazing Down The Lachlan
23 September
An epic long lunch held along the banks of the Lachlan River beneath the beautiful river gums.
Forbes

FFA National Youth Championships for Boys
25 - 29 September
Footballers from across Australia compete in this prestigious youth tournament.
Coffs Harbour

2017 NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final Week Sydney
25 September - 1 October
A series of fun-packed events builds up to the much-anticipated NRL Telstra Premiership Grand Final.
ANZ Stadium & Sydney CBD

Deni Ute Muster
29 - 30 September
This family-friendly event celebrates the ute, plus country music and life.
Plains of Deniliquin

2017 Australian Women’s Masters Hockey Championships
29 September - 7 October
Seven age groups compete to take out the Master Championship.
Newcastle International Hockey Centre

Yours and Owls Festival
30 September - 1 October
The best home-grown talent, and international acts from around the world, perform in a beautiful coastal location.
Stuart Park, Wollongong

Murrumbateman Moving Feast
30 September - 2 October
Move between wineries sampling local wines and food.
Murrumbateman

At the inaugural Grazing Down The Lachlan event, guests will wander along the banks of the river, eating wine-matched food, made with native ingredients.
Taste Riverina Festival
1 - 31 October
Celebrate the year’s harvest with fine food, wine, beer and fun.
Griffith, Leeton, Temora, Tumbarumba & surrounds

Kidtopia Festival
6 - 8 October
A festival for families with music, food, rides and more.
Parramatta Park

Oceania Cup
9 - 15 October
See Australia compete against hockey’s best in Oceania including NZL and PNG.
Sydney Olympic Park Hockey Centre

Two Weddings, One Bride
12 - 22 October
A scheming father plans a double wedding to balance the books.
Playhouse, Sydney Opera House

Macquarie Credit Union DREAM Festival
12 - 22 October
Enjoy visual arts, music and a huge light and lantern spectacular.
Dubbo

Yokohama World Time Attack Challenge
13 - 14 October
See the fastest motorsport teams in the world go head-to-head in Sydney.
Sydney Motorsport Park, Eastern Creek

The Wingham Akoostik Music Festival
13 - 15 October
Kasey Chambers, Russell Morris plus more perform in Manning Valley.
Wingham

Orange Wine Festival
13 - 22 October
Showcasing delicious cool-climate wines, talented chefs and delicious local produce.
Orange

The Everest
14 October
The very best sprinters converge onto Royal Randwick, in what is the World’s Richest Turf Race.
Royal Randwick, Sydney

2017 Constellation Cup: Australian Diamonds v New Zealand Silver Ferns
14 October
Watch the final match of the hotly contested trans-Tasman clash.
Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

Offshore Superboat Championships - Round 4
14 - 15 October
Extreme superboat racing on the shores of Lake Macquarie.
Lake Macquarie

Run for the first time at Royal Randwick, The Everest will be a Spring Carnival highlight, and is worth $10 million.
Sculpture by the Sea
19 October - 5 November
Join us for the largest free, public sculpture exhibition in the world.
Bondi Beach to Tamarama Beach

XI FIP World Polo Championship
21 - 29 October
See the best polo in the world when eight international teams compete for the World Championship trophy.
Sydney Polo Club, Richmond

Bowral Classic
22 October
Gran Fondo cycling event in the breathtaking Southern Highlands.
Bowral

Barbarians Tour 2017
24 and 28 October
The mighty Barbarians head to NSW to take on the Classic Wallabies and the Qantas Wallabies in matches that will be all about the fans.
Lismore and Sydney

Commonwealth Bank Women’s Ashes Series 2017
26 October - 17 November
See the highly ranked Australian and English women’s cricket teams, battle it out in a multi-format series.
Coffs International Stadium and North Sydney Oval

UON Central Coast Sevens
27 - 29 October
Catch all the action during Australia’s premier rugby sevens tournament.
Wyong

Tastings on Hastings
27 - 29 October
Showcasing regional farmers, artisans, food producers, wine growers and brewers.
Port Macquarie

Grafton Jacaranda Festival
28 October - 5 November
Celebrate Grafton’s stunning jacaranda trees with an array of marvellous festival events.
Grafton

Sculpture in the Vineyards
28 October - 3 December
The annual arts and culture festival held in the boutique vineyards.
Wollombi

Nepean Triathlon
29 October
Australia’s oldest triathlon is held in Penrith, with the magnificent Blue Mountains as a backdrop.
Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

NSW is the horse capital of Australia, home to polo heartlands in the Hawkesbury, the Hunter, Central NSW and the NSW Southern Tablelands.
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Sydney International Art Series - Pipilotti Rist: Sip my Ocean  
1 November 2017 - 18 February 2018  
Be immersed in light, video and sound as you explore installations and artworks, both expansive and intimate.  
Museum of Contemporary Art Australia, Sydney

Carcoar Cup Running Festival  
4 - 5 November  
Iconic marathon and supporting races on the best course in Australia. All ages and abilities.  
Carcoar and Neville

Rugby League World Cup 2017  
4 November - England v Lebanon  
11 November - Australia v Lebanon  
See the best players and teams from around the world compete.  
Sydney Football Stadium, Moore Park

Muriel’s Wedding - The Musical  
6 November 2017 - 27 January 2018  
The iconic Australian film is now a big, brash and very cheeky new musical. Exclusive to Sydney.  
Roslyn Packer Theatre, Sydney Theatre Company

The Ballina Prawn Festival  
11 November  
The quintessential Aussie event celebrating the famous Ballina Prawn.  
Missingham Park, Ballina

AUS-X Open Sydney  
11 - 12 November  
World’s best supercross and freestyle motocross gladiators go head-to-head.  
Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney International Art Series - Rembrandt and the Dutch golden age: masterpieces from the Rijksmuseum  
11 November 2017 – 18 February 2018  
See outstanding works of art by the greatest Dutch painters of the 17th century.  
Art Gallery of NSW, Sydney

Kennards Hire Rally Australia  
16 - 19 November  
Coffs Coast hosts the final round of the 2017 World Rally Championship.  
Coffs Harbour

NSW Open Golf Championship  
16 - 19 November  
Walk the fairways with some of the best Australian and international players.  
Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club

Women’s Rugby League World Cup 2017  
16 - 26 November  
See the world’s best female rugby league players battle it out in the pools and semi-finals.  
Southern Cross Group Stadium, Cronulla

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Sydney International Art Series - Pipilotti Rist
MTV Beats & Eats
18 November
A food and music festival like no other, featuring local and international talent.

Wollongong

Volleyfest Sydney
18 - 26 November
See international teams compete in an action-packed Beach Volleyball over nine days.

Manly Beach

Mammoths – Giants of the Ice Age
18 November 2017 – 13 May 2018
Explore the ice age and learn the story of Lyuba, a 40,000 year-old preserved baby mammoth.

Australian Museum, Sydney

Emirates Australian Open Golf Championship
23 - 26 November
The world’s best compete in Sydney for Australian golf’s most-prized trophy.

The Australian Golf Club, Rosebery

2017 NAB AFL Draft
24 November
This major event brings together all 18 AFL clubs to recruit the best young prospects in the country.

Sydney

Coates Hire Newcastle 500
24 - 26 November
Be part of history as the Supercars take to the streets of Newcastle for the first time.

Newcastle

AFL 9’s Classic
25 - 26 November
A fun, social and non-contact tournament with great prizes up for grabs.

Queens Park, Sydney

Surf Dive ‘N Ski Australian Junior Surfing Titles
25 November - 2 December
Australia’s best junior surfers will duke it out in Shoalhaven for a prestigious Aussie title.

Culburra Beach

Ironman 70.3 Asia Pacific Championships
Western Sydney
26 November
Athletes run, swim and bike along the iconic Penrith Lakes with the Blue Mountains as backdrop.

Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

2017 ARIA Awards and ARIA Week
ARIA Awards: 28 November
ARIA Week: November
Annual celebration of the best of Australian music.

Sydney

Ballet Under the Stars
November
The Australian Ballet stages a free outdoor performance of world-class ballet.

Penrith

Newcastle has been awarded three International Festivals and Events City Awards.

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Vanfest
1 - 2 December
A boutique music festival packed with world-class artists.

Forbes

L’Étape Australia by Le Tour de France
2 December
The only amateur cycling event in Australia with fully closed roads and professional Tour de France conditions.

Jindabyne, Thredbo and Perisher, Snowy Mountains

Macquarie Bondi to Bronte Ocean Swim
3 December
From Bondi Beach, competitors swim 2.4 Km to Bronte, finishing at Bronte SLSC, the world’s first Surf Life Saving club.

Bondi Beach, Sydney

Woolworths Carols in the Domain
17 December
Australia’s largest free Christmas concert, featuring Australian and international Artists joining together to perform Christmas songs and carols.

The Domain, Sydney

Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race
26 December
The start of this challenging race is a Boxing Day tradition on Sydney Harbour.

Sydney Harbour

Carols by the Sea
December
The annual event will kick off with fantastic entertainment from young, local musicians followed by a night of Christmas favourites and carol singing.

Bondi Beach, Sydney

Sydney New Year’s Eve
31 December
Sydney welcomes in the New Year with spectacular fireworks display at 9pm and midnight.

Sydney Harbour

Australian Traveller magazine named the Bondi to Bronte walk the Best Experience in Australia for 2016.
L’Étape Australia by Le Tour de France
Ashes Pink Test: Australia v England
4 - 8 January
Don’t miss your opportunity to be a part of Australia and England’s greatest rivalry.
Sydney Cricket Ground

WSL Junior Championships
4 - 12 January
The world’s best surfers under-18 years compete for this prestigious title.
Kiama

Sydney Festival
6 - 28 January
A Sydney summer highlight celebrating the arts.
Various locations across Sydney

Sydney International 2018
7 - 13 January
Watch the stars of world tennis in action in Sydney.
Sydney Olympic Park Tennis Centre

Parkes Elvis™ Festival
10 - 14 January
Enjoy a jam-packed five-day program with over 120 events.
Parkes

TOYOTA Country Music Festival Tamworth
19 - 28 January
Music festival features over 700 artists at 120 venues.
Tamworth

Australian Deaf Games
20 - 27 January
Sporting competitions and a wide variety of events.
Albury / Wodonga

3rd One Day International: Australia v England
21 January
Be part of the action and fun when the two teams face off.
Sydney Cricket Ground

Australia Day
26 January
Music, entertainment and plenty of free fun for the family.
Various locations across Sydney and NSW

Yabun Festival
26 January
Australia’s largest festival of indigenous culture.
Camperdown, Sydney

HSBC Sydney 7s
26 - 28 January
A fun and fast-paced Men’s and Women’s rugby 7s tournament, with 18 international teams.
Allianz Stadium, Moore Park

NSW Pro Surf Series: Carve Pro
January
The first of the qualifying series events.
Maroubra Beach

Yabun is Australia’s largest one day gathering and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.
sydney.com | visitnsw.com
Surfest
20 January - 25 February
Australia’s largest festival of surfing hosts the world’s best professional men, women and junior surfers.

Newcastle

Liqui-Moly Bathurst 12 Hour
2 - 4 February
Globally recognised international GT racing endurance race at the home of Australian motorsport.

Mt Panorama, Bathurst

Sydney Morning HeraldSun Run and Cole Classic
3 and 4 February
A popular, family-friendly event on Sydney’s northern beaches.

Dee Why to Manly

Roaring 20s Festival
3 - 25 February
Celebrate and relive the 1920s golden era of opulence, architecture and jazz music.

Blue Mountains

Southern 80
9 - 11 February
The world’s largest waterski race offers thrills along the Murray River.

Along the Murray River
Echuca-Moama

10 and 17 February
2016 Super League Champions, 2017 World Club Champions and 2017 Challenge Cup Finalists, Wigan will host Hull F.C in the first ever Super League match held outside of Europe.

Wollongong and Sydney

Denilquin Fishing Classic
16 - 18 February
The premier Murray cod fishing event on the Edward River.

Denilquin

Riverboats Music Festival
16 - 18 February
The Murray River’s premiere contemporary music event features brilliant artists, and delicious regional food and wine.

Moama

Huskisson ULTIMATE Triathlon Festival
16 - 18 February
A multisport festival on the white shores of Jervis Bay.

Huskisson

nudie Australian Boardriders Battle - National Final
16 - 18 February
Surfers of all ages represent their clubs to compete for the title of Australia’s champion club.

Newcastle

Australian Surf Rowers

The Murray is the third longest navigable river in the world, after the Amazon and Nile.

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League Open
16 - 18 February
The world’s premier surf boat event.
Elouera

Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras
16 February - 4 March
The world’s loudest and proudest celebration of LGBTQI diversity.
Various locations across Sydney

BOWL-A-RAMA Bondi
17 - 18 February
Australia’s biggest and most exciting professional skateboarding competition.
Bondi Beach, Sydney

Sydney Harbour Challenge
24 February
A 25km-race in the fast-growing sport of outrigger canoe racing.
Manly / Sydney Harbour

Australian Bowl-riding Championships
24 - 25 February
Australia’s only true nationals skateboarding competition welcomes skateboarders from every skill level and age.
Newcastle

February
Australia’s most prestigious short film competition, and the largest short film festival in the world.
Parramatta Park

NSW Pro Surf Series:
Tweed Coast Pro
February
Australian and international surfers compete for a spot on the World Surf League Championship Tour.
Cabarita Beach

Australian Open of Surfing
February
A free festival featuring the world’s best surfers, skateboarders plus entertainment.
Manly Beach

Sydney Chinese New Year Festival
February
Giant zodiac lanterns, food and events celebrating the Year of the Dog.
Various locations across Sydney

NSW Pro Surf Series -
Great Lakes Pro
February
Promising professional surfers from all over the world compete to win ranking points and prize money.
Boomerang Beach
Newcrest Orange Challenge
4 March
An exciting cycling event over rolling hills, around beautiful vineyards and picturesque open plains.
Orange

21st Biennale of Sydney
16 March - 11 June
Australia’s leading contemporary art event presents its 21st edition. Expect extraordinary art in unexpected locations. And it’s free!

Multiple locations across Sydney (including Cockatoo Island)

Wollongong Triathlon Festival
17 - 18 March
The stunning harbour precinct and blue mile of Wollongong City will come alive with a festival of fitness, health and family fun.
Wollongong

Longines Golden Slipper Carnival
17, 24 and 31 March
Enjoy the thrill of one of the world’s best racing carnivals.
Rosehill Gardens, Sydney

Albury Gold Cup Carnival
18 and 23 March
One of the premier country racing carnivals in Australia.
Albury

Aon Sydney International Rowing Regatta
19 - 25 March
Featuring some of the world’s finest athletes in a week-long rowing regatta.
Sydney International Regatta Centre, Penrith

Sydney Royal Easter Show
23 March - 3 April
Australia’s biggest annual event showcasing country life and family entertainment.
Sydney Olympic Park

Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour - La Bohème
23 March - 22 April
Experience the romance of the original Bohemian love story on the magnificent, floating harbour stage.
Fleet Steps, Mrs Macquaries Point

NSW Pro Surf Series: Central Coast Pro
March
The final stop of the series when the winner will be crowned for the entire NSW Pro Surf Series
Avoca Beach

National Touch League
March
See Australia’s best touch football talent in action.
Coffs Harbour

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is Australia’s largest annual ticketed event, attracting on average 850,000 attendees per year.
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Bluesfest
29 March - 2 April
Australia’s premier blues and roots festival.
Byron Bay

Easter Long Weekend at Hunter Valley Gardens
30 March - 2 April
A fantastic program of activities and prizes including a giant Easter egg hunt on Saturday and Sunday.
Pokolbin

Newcastle Writers Festival
6 – 8 April
Celebrating national and regional literary talent with panel discussions, readings, book launches and interviews.
Newcastle

Orange F.O.O.D Week
6 - 15 April
Experience the best of the region’s food and wine in a festival atmosphere.
Orange

The Championships
7 and 14 April
The jewel in the crown of the Sydney Autumn Carnival features 12 races and a total prize pot of $20.2 million.
Royal Randwick, Sydney

Sail Port Stephens
9 - 15 April
An annual yachting regatta held in the pristine waterways of the Port Stephens Marine Park.
Port Stephens

Sculpture at Scenic World
13 April - 13 May
See the transformation of the natural Jurassic rainforest in the Blue Mountains by world-class sculpture.
Blue Mountains

Canowindra Balloon Challenge
21 - 29 April
Experience the magic and spectacle of over 20 hot air balloons taking to the skies each morning and late afternoon.
Canowindra

Boggabri Drovers Campfire
27 - 29 April
An unforgettable country experience celebrating the camaraderie of Aussie drovers. Share a meal and chat around the campfire and enjoy other weekend activities.
Boggabri Showground

The Orange wine region has more than 1,500 hectares with an impressive 55 wineries now producing wine under Orange region labels.
Wings Over Illawarra
5 - 6 May
Flying displays of jaw-dropping aerobatics, classic warbirds, military and vintage aircraft.
Illawarra Regional Airport

Narooma Oyster Festival
5 May
Celebrates the region’s oysters and their growers, quality produce, chefs and cultural talents.
Narooma

IRONMAN Australia & IRONMAN 70.3 Port Macquarie
6 May
Swim, cycle and run in idyllic locations around Port Macquarie.
Port Macquarie

Ultra-Trail Australia
17 - 20 May
Join the southern hemisphere’s largest trail-running festival in the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area.
Katoomba

River of Art
17 - 27 May
Explore live music, visual arts, theatre, film, literature, creative workshops and cultural activities.
Eurobodalla Shire

Batlow CiderFest
19 May
Australia’s best CiderFest street party comes alive with great entertainment, cider and food.
Batlow

Australian Senior League Baseball Championships
20 - 25 May
The winning team (17U age group) will represent Australia at the World Senior League Baseball Championships.
Lismore

Port to Port MTB
24 - 27 May
A four-day mountain bike stage race which takes place in the Newcastle and Hunter region.
Newcastle, Hunter Valley & Port Stephens

Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Australia and Weekend Edition
May
Australia’s best designers showcase their Resort 19 Collections.
Carriageworks, Sydney

NCHA Futurity
May - June
The biggest and richest indoor horse event in Australia held over 12 days.
Tamworth

Vivid Sydney
May - June
Sydney becomes a creative canvas of light, music and ideas.
Various locations across Sydney

The annual NCHA Tamarang Futurity is the best Cutting Horse event in Australia and has a prize pot worth more than $700,000.
**True Grit**  
2 - 3 June  
More than 30 obstacles over a rugged 10-12km military-inspired obstacle course through natural terrain.  
**Dargle Farm in Lower Portland, Hawkesbury**

**Australian Little League Baseball Championships**  
6 - 11 June  
Youth sports baseball program where 20 teams from across Australia compete.  
**Lismore**

**Sydney Film Festival**  
6 - 17 June  
Enjoy the best features, documentaries and short films from across Australia and the world.  
**Various locations across Sydney**

**Peak Music Festival**  
8 - 11 June  
Celebrate the opening of the winter snow season with great music.  
**Perisher**

**Obstacle Course Racing World Championships Long Course**  
9 - 10 June  
The first independent global championship for the burgeoning sport of Obstacle Course Racing.  
**Dargle Farm, Lower Portland, Hawkesbury**

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**Shoalhaven Coast**  
**Winter Wine Festival**  
June Long Weekend  
Fine wine, fabulous food, music, markets, vineyard tours and more.  
**Shoalhaven**

**Coonamble Rodeo and Campdraft**  
June Long Weekend  
The largest combined rodeo and campdraft in the southern hemisphere.  
**Coonamble**

**Holden State of Origin Game II**  
24 June  
Don’t miss Rugby League’s greatest rivals in action when the NSW Blues play the QLD Maroons.  
**ANZ Stadium, Sydney Olympic Park**

**Snow Time in the Garden - Hunter Valley Gardens**  
30 June - 22 July  
Enjoy a fun, family experience with ice skating, tobogganing, snow play and more.  
**Pokolbin**

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*Perisher in the NSW Snowy Mountains is the largest ski resort in the Southern Hemisphere.*

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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, the Greater Blue Mountains, Willandra Lakes featuring Mungo National Park, and the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia located along the NSW North Coast.

BLUE MOUNTAINS

Just 90 minutes’ drive from Sydney, this region is famous for the sandstone cliffs, deep valleys and blue-tinged forests that make up the vast Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. This extraordinary setting is a pristine backdrop to bushwalking, climbing, abseiling and mountain biking. More relaxing past times include dining, shopping, golf and spa treatments in plush 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. Its national parks 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 award-winning Taronga Western Plains Zoo; or head to Bathurst, Cowra, Orange, Mudgee for seasonal produce and fine 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.

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DISCOVER REGIONAL NSW

MURRAY AND RIVERINA
The famous Murray is the heart of this rich agricultural region. Life on the river is relaxed and laid-back offering plenty of opportunities to enjoy nature. Take a historic paddle boat cruise or head out on a luxury houseboat, play riverside 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, markets and events.

NORTH COAST
Stunning natural treasures are to be found along the North Coast: beautiful beaches, big rivers, volcanic hinterland and World Heritage rainforests. Immerse yourself in nature, experience 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 appealing aspect of this grand region is space - it’s vast, open and liberating. Touring by car is the best way to get around, giving you the chance to create your own adventures along the way. Drop into outback pubs and country towns, visit the outback city Broken Hill, camp out under the stars in remote national parks, 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
This region has an unspoilt natural beauty comprising national parks, beaches, bays, rivers and hinterland forests. Water-based activities include whale-watching (May-Nov) and swimming with seals; the lush bushland is enjoyed by 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. Start your South Coast journey along 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 of 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.

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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 meet Australia’s unique animals up close. Taronga Zoo, SEA LIFE Sydney Aquarium and WILD LIFE Sydney are in harbourside locations while Featherdale Wildlife Park is in Western Sydney.

SHOP’TIL YOU DROP
Whether you’re looking for chic international brands or cutting-edge Australian designers, you’ll find plenty of shopping choice in Sydney. Must-visit locations include Westfield Sydney, Queen Victoria Building and Strand Arcade, The Galeries and local weekend markets across the city.

SYDNEY WALKS
Sydney’s a great city to explore on foot with scenic walking tracks that are easy to follow. 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 harbourside Barangaroo.
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 of Sydney’s unique history and heritage, both from an Aboriginal and European perspective.

CRUISE THE HARBOUR
Soak up the natural beauty of Sydney Harbour on a leisurely cruise or short ferry ride from Circular Quay to Manly. Alternatively, go for a spin 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.

DESTINATION DELICIOUS
Stylish harbourside restaurants, cool bars, cafes and heritage pubs provide the perfect venues for Sydney’s creative dining scene. Try exciting eat streets and pocket precincts, serving dishes from around the world, in our global dining hot-spot.

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AND SURROUNDS

BEACHSIDE COOL
Learn to surf with experienced guides at some of Australia’s most famous beaches at Bondi, Cronulla and Manly. Then check out the outdoor cafes, gelato bars, alfresco restaurants, organic stores and surf shops to savour beachside cool in Sydney.

SKY HIGH IN SYDNEY
Brave a skydive onto the beach or a tandem hang glide over the coast, be swept up inside a glass tunnel on an indoor skydiving adventure. Take a helicopter flight or seaplane joyride over the harbour and city, or visit Sydney Tower Eye for a bird’s-eye view from above.

INSIGHTS INTO ABORIGINAL HERITAGE
Authentic Aboriginal cultural experiences give visitors the chance to learn about the Aboriginal people who have lived here for thousands of years. Join a harbour cruise, a botanic gardens walk, national park adventure and much more.

WESTERN SYDNEY ADVENTURES
Explore the growing adventure playground located in Western Sydney. There’s rafting at Penrith Whitewater Stadium, thrills and spills at Wet’n’Wild Sydney, aquatics, archery and cycling at Sydney Olympic Park, ziplining at Treetops.
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