



# Chinese New Year

Melbourne celebrates the Chinese New Year Festival. *By Christine Knight.*

JOIN IN THE MELBOURNE CHINESE New Year festivities from 2-7 February as the city celebrates the Year of the Pig with a series of colourful events that are fun for the whole family. In Chinese culture the pig symbolises wealth and luck with their chubby faces and big ears, as well as bravery and determination in the face of conflict.

The Lunar New Year festivities will take place across some of Melbourne's most treasured landmarks including the Melbourne Museum, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensbridge Square, the Docklands and South Wharf.

Kicking off the celebrations is an all-day Cultural Kaleidoscope program on 2 February at Queensbridge Square featuring Lion and Dragon dance

performances, Chinese cultural activities including Chinese chess competitions, Chinese drum practice, family workshops, a magic show, live music and a costume show with ladies dressed in clothing from ancient dynasties. From 6pm, visitors can watch a live food demonstration from the 2017 MasterChef winner Diana Chan before the official opening ceremony kicks off with a traditional Lion dance ceremony. Sally Capp, Lord Mayor of Melbourne will be in attendance to officially open the festival.

Foodies can head to Queensbridge Square to enjoy dumplings, sweet rice cakes and spring rolls with special cooking demonstrations, and try their hands at tai chi, martial arts and lantern making at the Street of Chinese Cuisine on 2-3 February.

Other must-see events include the Dragon Boat Regatta at the Victoria Harbour Promenade Docklands 16-17 February that features authentic dragon boat racing as well as Family Day at the Cultural Kaleidoscope at the Melbourne Museum, the Annual Gala Concert at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition, "China Year, Eastern Love" Concert at the Melbourne Town Hall, International Student Night at The Swanston Hall, a weekend of celebrations at The District Docklands, Lion Dancers waltzing on ice during weekend celebrations at O'Brien Group Arena, the 2nd Australian International Children's Art Exhibition, Chinese New Year's Eve celebrations featuring dances, Kung-Fu, costume parades, drums, a magic show, a Lion dance and Latin and hip-hop dances from youth groups, and the Closing Ceremony on 17 February.

*The full list of programming, including regional events in Ballarat, can be found at [www.cnymelbourne.com.au](http://www.cnymelbourne.com.au)*

## 墨尔本迎新春庆 佳节的活动多姿多彩

2月2日至7日，为庆祝猪年的到来，墨尔本将举办一系列丰富多彩的适合全家一起参与的活动。春节的庆祝活动将在墨尔本各大地标举行，包括墨尔本博物馆、墨尔本会展中心、女王桥广场、多克兰港区和南码头。庆祝活动于2月2日在一整天的文化万花筒活动中拉开序幕，并于当晚在女王桥广场（Queensbridge Square）举行正式的开幕仪式。其他一定值得前往的活动包括：龙舟会；中国美食街；墨尔本博物馆文化万花筒家庭日；一年一度的联欢音乐会；“中国年，东方爱”（China Year, Eastern Love）音乐会；留学生之夜；多克兰购物中心庆春节周末；O'Brien集团体育场周末的冰上狮舞华尔兹；第二届澳大利亚国际儿童艺术展；除夕庆典；2月17日的闭幕典礼。

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