

OPEN INNER WEST

10 Days 69 Cultures 24 Suburbs



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14 - 23 June 2019



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Mayor's Message

I'm delighted to welcome you to Open Inner West 2019, an event that celebrates the amazing cultures and traditions that make up our community, the birthplace of multicultural Australia.

Over ten days, we'll present a range of mini-festivals, workshops, exhibitions and performances that will take you from India to Poland, from Indonesia to South America, from Peru right back here to the original Indigenous culture of Australia.

This year's festival features cooking classes from refugees through social enterprise group Culinary Tales and the New Beginnings Winter Festival at the Community Refugee Welcome Centre.

We will also feature events celebrating and embracing diversity including

- "Biryani and Babez" who celebrate inspiring artists of colour, drag performance and a Biryani supper,
- the Solidarity Choir, who will teach songs to promote respect for all diversity, and
- a visual storytelling at Thirning Villa which will throw a spotlight on cartoonists and graphic artists.

That's just a taste of the celebrations in store, so get out and discover all that the inner west has to offer.

Darcy Byrne

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Inner West Mayor



Biryani and Babez

The Aunties are back this winter with Biryani & Babez 2.0 – this year we present to you some of the most gorgeous, glorious and awe inspiring artists of colour in Sydney – expect dance, drag, song, performance art and of course the infamous sharing of a special Biryani supper. Spend an evening lost in our world. 18+ event

Cost \$40pp (includes show and meal, drinks sold separately)
Bookings required via 2 Boys in Saris Facebook page

14 June
7-10pm

The Red Rattler
6 Faversham St, Marrickville



Polish Cultural Open Day - Honouring Nina Skoroszewska

A fun Polish cultural day for young and old, with face painting, Polish folkloric dance by 'Syrenka', music, a youth art competition, craft displays, Polish food, a photographic exhibition and formal presentations honouring the life of a great Polish Australian multicultural activist Nina Skoroszewska OAM.

Free event, booking not required

16 June
12-5pm

Polish Club
73 Norton St, Ashfield



Know Your Neighbour

Meet your neighbours and experience everything from our oldest living culture, right through to established and emerging communities. Taste some food, enjoy performances and demonstrations and actively participate in culture through damper-making, Chinese calligraphy, Henna tattooing and the art of Sari tying.

Free event, booking not required

17 June
10:30am-1:30pm

Ashfield Town Hall
260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield



Culinary Tales

Culinary Tales is a social enterprise that provides refugees with the opportunity to host their own cooking classes. Chefs teach traditional dishes and share stories of their life and culture. The experience finishes with everyone sitting down together to enjoy delicious creations.

Free event, bookings required
www.culinarytales.com.au

15 & 23 June
9am-12pm & 1-4pm

Annandale Community Centre
79 Johnston St, Annandale



Keeping Tradition Alive

The Ethnic Women's Craft Group are keeping traditional Italian crafts alive. Drop in and learn the crochet stitches needed to make an Italian doily 'cendri un cinetto'. Hear about members favourite handcrafted pieces and be amazed at the demonstrations of hair pin lace (forcella) and intricate macrame. Italian biscotti, tea and coffee provided.

Free event, booking not required

18 June
10am-4pm

Leichhardt Market Place Community Room
Corner of Marion and Flood Streets, Leichhardt



Sing Welcome

The Solidarity Choir workshop will teach songs that promote respect for diversity, language and culture, promote peace and provide an uplifting format for saying 'Welcome'. Come and sing songs in English and other community languages before performing the songs at pop-up performances on the streets of Newtown.

Free event, bookings required
www.solidaritychoir.wordpress.com

15 June
1-6pm

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
1 Bedford St, Newtown



Your Crown, Your Story: celebrating beauty, expression & belonging

Celebrate Fatou's Hair Architects, a cultural fixture of Newtown. Chrissie Cotter Gallery will host a photography exhibition of Fatou's customer portraits by Eunice Konan, showcasing the expression of beauty and culture of African hairstyles within Australian society. Opening night includes an evening of storytelling through fashion, film and music. Opening night: 20 June, 6 – 8pm

Free event, booking not required

20-23 June
11am-4pm

Chrissie Cotter Gallery
Pidcock St, Camperdown

Booking information
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Ngalawa (to stay - Gadigal language)

A cultural sharing celebration of Aboriginal knowledge, including a workshop by master weaver, Nadeena Dixon and cooking demonstration of traditional produce by Auntie Beryl Van-Oploo. Open mic performances follow the workshops, where participants will be encouraged to get up and sing, recite poetry or tell a story. Open to all ages.

Free event, bookings required
www.boomalli.com.au

20 June
5-8pm

Boomalli Aboriginal
Artists Co-operative
55-59 Flood St, Leichhardt

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Discover the talents and creativity of our culturally diverse communities. Share ideas, hospitality, understandings and the humanity connecting us all. Over ten days experience celebrations and events, great food, art, children's activities, talks tours and more, there's something for everyone at Open Inner West.

Phone enquiries (02) 9392 5000



Read To Me at Thirning Villa

A live, visual storytelling event providing a platform for emerging and established cartoonists and other graphic artists. Immersive and captivating in a totally unique way, layered with pathos and humour that emerges in the mingling of voice and image. This event is a collaboration between the Read To Me organisation, the Refugee Art Project and the New Moon Collective.

Free event, booking not required

20 June
6:30-8:30pm

Thirning Villa
40A Arthur St, Ashfield



ASYIK for Kids Festival

A community event celebrating Indonesian culture, traditional arts, food, music and dance. Particularly focused on showcasing young people and Indonesian community groups from across Sydney. Parents and grandparents can enjoy cross-generational activities, traditional fashion shows, arts and crafts corner, games and family fun.

Free event, bookings required
www.suaraindonesiadance.com.au

22 June
10am-3pm

Ashfield Town Hall
260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield



Popping Outreach

Poppin Jack and his students are working towards a performance which infuses street and traditional Indonesian dance, and will find a connection between cultural identity, contemporary society and inclusion within communities. The performance will be held as part of Innov8tion – a street dance battle, and ASYIK for Kids – an Indonesian kids festival.

Free event, booking not required

22 June 10am
23 June 1pm

Ashfield Town Hall
260 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield



New Beginnings Winter Festival

A family-friendly festival celebrating Refugee Week 2019, hosted by the Community Refugee Welcome Centre and produced by SSI Arts & Culture as part of the 2019 New Beginnings Festival, which fosters artists from refugee backgrounds to develop their artistic practice and reach new and larger audiences. Come and celebrate community cohesion, cultural exchange and appreciation of cultural diversity.

Free event, booking not required

22 June
11am-5pm

Community Refugee Welcome Centre
504 Wharf Rd, Lilyfield



Tapestry Friendship Project

Learn original tapestry technique from master Afghani weaver Sayd Mahmod Reza. Participants will contribute to the two-seater sofa piece to be permanently housed at the Refugee Welcome Centre. Come and meet the regular participants in this project and have a chat with local residents and people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds.

Free event, booking not required

22 June
1-3pm

Community Refugee Welcome Centre
504 Wharf Rd, Lilyfield



5th Balkan Bonanza

A feast of culture from cultural groups of the Balkans - Greek, Macedonian, Bulgarian, Serbian, Croatian, Hungarian and Romanian. Traditional Balkan foods, costumes, handicrafts and spectacular performance featuring unusual rhythms and beats. Let your soul be taken away to the far reaches of this Balkan odyssey.

Free event, booking not required

22 June
5-10pm

Marrickville Town Hall
303 Marrickville Rd, Marrickville



Pachamama Festival

Bringing together Latin-American and Indigenous artists and storytellers to celebrate cultural connections to land and sky. The Pachamama Festival celebrates cultural connections in our community through film, music, yarns, food and crafts. This year the focus is on Indigenous languages, their expression through song and role in maintaining strong cultures.

Cost \$10pp (for film admission)
Bookings required at pachamamafestival.com

22 June
12-10pm

Addison Road Community Centre
142 Addison Rd, Marrickville



Rhythms, Colours, Flavours of Peru

A celebration of Peruvian live music, dance, food and culture. 'Jarana Criolla' will delight us with the sounds and rhythms of music developed on the coast of Peru by the 'Criollos', mixing Peruvian, European, and African instruments and tunes.

To celebrate the diversity and similarities in cultural traditions of Latin American countries the Colombian community has been invited to participate in this year's festival. There will be a special performance by the *Colombian Cultural and Folkloric Organisation* with 'Cumbia' an original dance from the Caribbean coast of Colombia that is now widespread in Peru as well.

This is a family friendly event, there will be activities for kids with Peruvian food available for sale.

Cost \$10 (under 16's free)
Booking not required, tickets at the door

23 June
12-5pm

Marrickville Town Hall
303 Marrickville Rd, Marrickville



Innov8tion - 8v8 Dance Crew Battle

A unique 8v8 dance crew format, bringing together people of all cultures, styles and feeling into one place to battle it out for \$1,000. Featuring video documentation of each invited crew's beginnings and how their culture and the culture around them has affected their dance. Innov8tion 2019 will connect old and new and shine a light on Inner West hiphop and street dance.

Free event, bookings not required

23 June
1-6pm

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