



the Feast
guide to
**SUMMER
FESTIVALS**

From iconic music festivals to intimate moonlit gatherings, summer is the season to celebrate anything and everything from food and wine, to dancing and fashion. And no matter where you are in Australia, there's something nearby.



FOOD + WINE



GINGER FLOWER & FOOD FESTIVAL **27-29 JAN - YANDINA, QLD**

This three-day festival on the Sunshine Coast, which attracts about 25,000 people each year, is a celebration of food and flowers. Hear local chefs and gardening experts explain the many magical properties of ginger and other subtropical plants. TV personality and huge crowd favourite Colin Campbell, from *Gardening Australia*, talks about permaculture and there will be a daily 'invention test' as chefs compete to cobble together food for a picnic, a dinner party and a summer barbecue. gingerfactory.com.au.

CRUSH FESTIVAL **29 JAN - ADELAIDE HILLS, SA**

The Adelaide Hills Crush Festival is all about grape fun, if you'll pardon the pun. As well as paying homage to the locally produced wines, the weekend shebang is like a 'choose your own adventure' where you get to join the dots between street art, sculpture, music and fashion. Start with breakfast and bubbles

at Golding Wines, watch internationally acclaimed sculptor Silvio Apponyi at work at Lobethal Road Wines, then factor in a visit to Petaluma's Brigewater Mill to see pianist Paul Grabowsky. crushfestival.com.au.

FESTIVALE **10-12 FEB - LAUNCESTON, TAS**

In-the-know food lovers flock to Festivale, which is one of the most vibrant foodie events on Tasmania's calendar. The addition of From Hops to Vines this year is certain to be a crowd-pleaser: it's a display of what Tassie has to offer from locally produced beer and wine, with talks from those behind their creation. Fans of SBS's *Gourmet Farmer* should keep their eyes peeled for Matthew Evans who made a tree-change to Tassie a few years ago to "breed pigs and grow Brussels sprouts". festivale.com.au.



SUZUKI NIGHT MARKET
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
UNTIL 29 FEB – QUEEN
VICTORIA MARKET,
MELBOURNE, VIC

Wind your way through a maze of 200 stalls selling everything from street-style food to flowers, fashion and art at this summer night market, now in its 14th year. The market reflects the city's rich socio-cultural fabric with everything from African curries to Spanish *paella* (pictured left) on offer. It also provides a platform for emerging artists, performing music as diverse as indigenous hip-hop to salsa and Polynesian sounds. qvm.com.au.



CANBERRA DISTRICT
WINE HARVEST FESTIVAL
14 FEB-15 MAR – CANBERRA, ACT

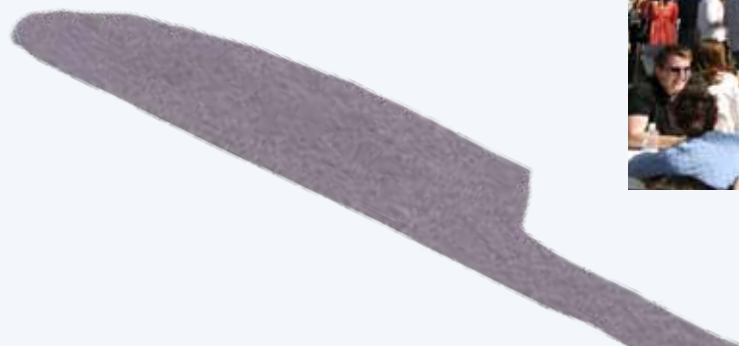
What better way to understand the lay of the land than to visit the 30-odd vineyards that have sprouted up on the outskirts of the nation's capital in the past decade? All within 35 minutes of Canberra, sample award-winning whites and reds and enjoy gourmet food against the grey-green bush backdrop. When you're done cultivating conversations at the cellar door or vineyard cafes, kick back and enjoy some jazz. visitcanberra.com.au.

COOL SUMMER FESTIVAL
17-19 FEB – MT HOTHAM, VIC

Be one of the cool cats enjoying the crisp mountain air at this three-day festival of food, wine and live music. Stages are set on the D Run, 1815m above sea level, and there's a variety of on-site accommodation options. coolsummerfestival.com.

THE PARADE FOOD, WINE & MUSIC FESTIVAL
19 FEB – ADELAIDE, SA

About 100,000 people are expected to pour through the streets of Adelaide's CBD down to The Parade to enjoy an afternoon of live music, fabulous food and fine wines. The eateries dotted along The Parade include Italian, Indian, Thai, Irish, Chinese, Greek and Japanese. As well as reflecting the diverse cultural heritage of Adelaide's denizens, the city streets showcase the talents of local jazz, funk and soul musicians. theparadenorwood.com.





MUSIC



A DAY ON THE GREEN

4 FEB - BOWRAL, NSW
5 FEB - MT COTTON, QLD
11 FEB - BAROSSA, SA
12 FEB - YARRA VALLEY, VIC

A Day on the Green is about eating, drinking and being merry while enjoying fantastic music at some of the country's best vineyards. Forget the crush of a muddy mosh pit; think comparatively modest crowds sprawled on picnic rugs imbibing buttery chardonnays in the

summer sunshine with beautiful vineyards for a backdrop. This unique concert experience features three or four artists performing from late afternoon into the evening, with the headline act appearing around sunset. Although the line-up at each vineyard varies, headliners this year include Ronan Keating, American duo Daryl Hall and John Oates, along with Aussie rock band Icehouse.
adayonthegreen.com.au.

SUMMER SUNDAYS

8-29 JAN - BALLARAT, VIC

This free annual event in the Ballarat Botanic Gardens is held every Sunday during January from 5-8pm. Pack a picnic and enjoy the talented local line-up that includes the Puta Madre Brothers (who play mariachi-driven tunes) and the big-band sound of the Ballarat Ska Orchestra. There's also a special twilight cinema screening of *Citizen Kane*.
ballarat.vic.gov.au.

BIG DAY OUT

22 JAN - GOLD COAST, QLD
26 JAN - SYDNEY, NSW
29 JAN - MELBOURNE, VIC
3 FEB - ADELAIDE, SA
5 FEB - PERTH, WA

Over the past two decades, the Big Day Out has mushroomed into the largest travelling festival on the planet. This year's headline acts – which vary from state to state – are huge: Kanye West, Kasabian, My Chemical Romance, The Jezabels, Hilltop Hoods, The Living End, Soundgarden and more. bigdayout.com.au.

BODHI FESTIVAL 24-26 FEB - NEWCASTLE, NSW

If you are prone to bending yourself into a pretzel, then this weekend of music, yoga and healing is for you. Devotees of the downward dog will also be treated to sacred ceremonies, blessings, workshops, forums and fine, organic food. If you dig 'devotional music', then this is your gig with Deva Premal, Jai Uttal, Dave Stringer, Shakti Durga and Afro Moses (pictured) all on board to help cleanse your chakras. bodhifestival.com.au.



ST JEROME'S LANEWAY FESTIVAL

28 JAN - BRISBANE, QLD
4 FEB - MELBOURNE, VIC
5 FEB - SYDNEY, NSW
10 FEB - ADELAIDE, SA
11 FEB - PERTH, WA

The Laneway Festival is set to reclaim the streets again this summer. The festival, which first sprouted in St Jerome's Laneway in Melbourne in 2004, encourages up-and-coming bands – from indie to electro-pop – to find their groove against an urban backdrop. This year's bill includes The Panics, The Drums, Laura Marling, and the Pajama Club featuring Sharon and Neil Finn.
lanewayfestival.com.au.





Arts

PAKO FESTA **25 FEB – GEELONG** **WEST, VIC**

Channel your inner Carmen Miranda and shake your maracas down to Pako Festa, the largest free celebration of cultural diversity in Australia. Celebrating its 30th birthday this year, enjoy music ranging from fiddle-driven folk, to the blast of bagpipes and African beats. Adding to the colour are clattering clog dancers, roving street performers, an outdoor cinema and food from a global menu. Rhumba your way into position for the Pako Parade, which kicks off at 11am. pakofesta.com.au.

SYDNEY FESTIVAL **7-29 JAN – SYDNEY, NSW**

The city of Sydney is transformed at this annual event, which draws crowds of thousands each day to appreciate the richly varied program of music, dance, film, art and big ideas. A kaleidoscopic program includes songbirds PJ Harvey and Beth Orton, and *I Am Eora*, a dynamic fusion of indigenous dance, performance, film, art and literature. All up, there are 1500 artists from around the world and 98 events. sydneyfestival.org.au/2012.

YALUKIT WILLAM NGARGEE **4 FEB – ST KILDA, VIC**

Yalukit Willam Ngargee means 'people place gathering' and that's exactly what this offshoot of the St Kilda Festival is about: getting together to enjoy indigenous music, storytelling, contemporary dance performances and visual art exhibitions. The broader St Kilda Festival – held from 4 till 12 February – culminates in Festival Sunday, a free event featuring more than 60 local bands, extreme sports competitions and roving performers that offer something for everyone. stkildafestival.com.au.

PERTH FESTIVAL **10 FEB-3 MAR – PERTH, WA**

Gasps and giggles will abound at this year's arts festival, which veers from the visceral to the popular and includes circus, art, artist talks, theatre, comedy, opera, dance, and classical and contemporary music. Hot tickets include America's most famous busker, Seasick Steve, a discourse on *Eco-Feminism Then and Now* from Germaine Greer, and a pulsating performance by Brazilian contemporary dance company Onqotô & Parabelo. perthfestival.com.au.



YALLINGUP SURFILM FESTIVAL **20-22 JAN – YALLINGUP, WA**

Let the good times roll at this boutique two-day surf film and culture event that celebrates the surf culture through film. As well as enjoying the latest surf films under the stars (there are a host of awards up for grabs), you can also listen to great music and check out an exhibition from artists such as Peter Webb, one of Quicksilver's head art designers in the 80s and 90s, and Simon Anderson, who revolutionised surfboard shaping. There will also be classic surfboards and surf memorabilia on show. yallingupsurf.com.au.

ST GEORGE OPEN AIR CINEMA **11 JAN-18 FEB – SYDNEY, NSW**

What better way to enjoy the sultry summer weather than under a canopy of stars down by the sea? The line-up of films is eclectic, opening with *My Week with Marilyn*, and including Oscar favourite *Martha Marcy May Marlene* and fun action-comedy *This Means War*. The nosh – provided by caterer Belinda Franks – is top-notch as is the exceptional drinks list. stgeorgeopenair.com.au.

MOONLIGHT CINEMA **UNTIL 19 FEB – ADELAIDE** **UNTIL 25 MAR – PERTH, SYDNEY** **BRISBANE, MELBOURNE**

Pack a picnic blanket, a platter of nibbles and a bottle of bubbles to enjoy a mix of films – from cult classics such as *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *Grease* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's* to Hollywood blockbusters such as *The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1* screened in luscious locations around the country. Refreshments available on-site. moonlight.com.au.