

culture Mix

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Sat 20 Sept

11am - 7pm

Wollongong CBD

On Dharawal Country

Free + all ages




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Location Map

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our city is built, the Aboriginal people of Dharawal Country.



Arts Precinct Celebration Stage

The place for immersive cultural showcases

MC Malika Elizabeth

11 - 11.30am	Welcome Ceremony ^ Welcome to Country by Auntie Sharralyn Robinson ~ Cultural Dance by Kugang Djarmbi Smoking Ceremony by Uncle Peter Button
11.30 - 11.35am	Lord Mayor of Wollongong Cr Tania Brown Opening Speech ~
11.35 - 11.38am	The Hon. Paul Scully MP , Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and Member for Wollongong Speech ~
11.40am - 12.40pm	South-East Asian Showcase
11.40 - 11.45am	Traditional Jaipongan Dance by Putri Ayu Indonesia Dance Group
11.55am - 12.15pm	Traditional Vietnamese Wedding Performance by Illawarra Indochinese Aged Group
12.20 - 12.40pm	Zomi Group traditional Zomi dance performance
12.45 - 1pm	Lion Dance by Australian Yau Kung Mun Chinese Martial Arts Association
1 - 1.40pm	Persian Showcase traditional dance by Mitra Dance Group with live music by the East Band
1.45 - 2pm	Traditional Macedonian Oro Dance by Macedonian Women's Group Healthy Illawarra
2.05 - 2.20pm	Serbia Folkloric Ensemble by St John the Baptist Serbian Orthodox Church
2.25 - 2.40pm	East African Dancers present Umushayayo traditional dance performance
2.45 - 3.35pm	Dabke Arabic Showcase sounds and energy from the Middle East
3.45 - 4pm	Bateria 61 present Brazilian Carnival Rhythms
4 - 6pm	Fiesta Latina a celebration of Latin America presented by SALCO, featuring traditional Colombian sounds from Mi Hermano Yo and beats by Latin Power

~ Auslan interpreted



^ For blind and low vision community

All programs and activities are free to drop-in.
Information correct at time of printing.
Visit the website for up to date information.



Arts Precinct Global Village

Next to the
Celebration Stage

Get hands on with culture next to the Celebration Stage!

- 11am - 6pm **Bazaar of Cultures** Middle Eastern and African Community Greetings Stall presented by Grand Pacific Health, Community Living Skills for Refugees Program
- 11am - 6pm **Illawarra Iranian Association** sharing Persian language, traditional crafts, heritage and backgammon
- 12 - 4pm **Karenni Traditional Weaving** a display showcasing backstrap weaving, presented by the Wollongong Karenni Community
- 4 - 6pm **SALCO Chorizo y Cultura** enjoy the authentic flavours of Latin America with freshly grilled chorizo, bread and chimichurri



Arts Precinct Wollongong Art Gallery

Interactive art activities and exhibitions

- 10 - 11am **Audio Description Tour of *FEVER* ^**
- 12 - 5pm ***FEVER*** First Nations works from the collection with guest artists
- 12 - 5pm ***Here + Now 5: There's No Place Like Home*** biennial art exhibition
- 12 - 5pm **Drawn Together** drop-in collaborative artwork
- 1 - 2pm **Warrigal (Dingo) Pup Making Workshop ~**
- 2 - 3pm **Auslan interpreted Tour of *FEVER* ~**
- 3 - 4pm **Warrigal (Dingo) Pup Making Workshop**

Arts Precinct Wollongong Library

Sharing stories from around the globe

- 11.30am - 5pm **Echoes of Heritage** a Palestinian Australian story on canvas
- 11.30am - 5pm **From the Mother** an immersive installation sharing Aboriginal stories from Local Elders, presented by Yindyamarra Walkabouts
- 11.30am - 5pm **Tell the Stories** interactive art installation by Jes R. R. Alexander
- 11.30am - 3.30pm **Voices of Culture Mix** we invite you to share your personal story. What brought you to Wollongong, and what makes it feel like home?
- 11.30am - 12.10pm **Shadow Stories from Around the World** a shadow puppet show inspired by traditional tales
- 11.30am - 2.30pm **African Collar Necklace Workshop** (for children 5+)
- 12.15 - 12.30pm **Now my Life is New - Story Reading** 7 year old Satyam shares his story
- 12.15 - 12.45pm **Shadow Stories from Around the World Workshop** learn to make your own Korean shadow puppets (for children 5+)
- 12.30 - 2pm **Mandala Bookmarks** A Celebration of Unity. Create your own bookmark with Satyam and Natasha Chellen
- 2 - 2.15pm **Tamil Kuthu Dance Performance** pounding beats, bold moves and vibrant expressions by Vasha Varghese
- 2.15 - 2.45pm **Tamil Kuthu Dance Workshop** let the beats bring out your inner rhythm. Beginners welcome (for children 8+)
- 2.30 - 3.30pm **Aboriginal Weaving Workshop** (for children 8+)
- 3 - 3.30pm **The Nightingale Puppet Show** enchanting puppet show by Shake Shake Theatre
- 3.30 - 4.30pm **Aboriginal Weaving Workshop** (for children 8+)
- 3.40 - 4.40pm **The Nightingale Puppet Workshop** get creative and craft your own sand puppet (for children 5+)

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Arts Precinct Quiet Space



11.30am - 4.30pm

Need a break in a calm and quiet place or sensory activities to help you? Head to Bob Peet Studio at the Illawarra Performing Arts Centre (IPAC).

Note: there is also a relaxed Family Play Space in the IPAC theatre foyer for indoor play.

Arts Precinct Ethel Hayton Walkway



Dreaming Botanica All Day

An exhibition of eight original oil paintings by Chinese artist **Mia Bian**

After Party @ The Icon

10 Town Hall Place

Don't want the party to stop? Head to the After Party hosted by The Icon, featuring a live salsa band, DJ, happy hour and kitchen open until midnight.

11am - midnight Kitchen Open

5 - 8pm Live Salsa Band

8pm - midnight DJ

Crown Street Mall World Stage

Performances to take you on a journey around the world

MC Sheron Sultan and MC Isa

11.30 - 11.45am	Chinese Australian Service Society Seniors cultural song and dance
11.50am - 12pm	Balar Malar Tamil School classical dance presented by students and teachers
12.05 - 12.20pm	Kugangs all ages First Nations Aboriginal performance group
12.30 - 12.45pm	Lion Dance Australian Yau Kung Mun Chinese Martial Arts Association. Commences at World Stage then roving
12.45 - 12.50pm	Tempo Dance Jinxiu Dance, also known as The Brocade Dance
12.55 - 1.10pm	Blackbird Academy of Irish Dance jigs, reels and celi dances
1.15 - 1.30pm	Harmony of Nations multicultural choir
1.35 - 1.55pm	Shivagarjana traditional Dhol and Tasha drumming group
2 - 2.06pm	Chelsea Graham singing performance by proud Aboriginal student and performer
2.10 - 2.15pm	Tempo Dance Madame Green and White Snake dances
2.20 - 2.50pm	Gumaraa Aboriginal Experience cultural dance
2.55 - 3.10pm	Atif Badria Darbouka solo percussion performance
3.15 - 3.35pm	Culture Mix Street Parade and Workshop
3.45 - 4pm	Wollongong Pelangi Indonesia Community Language School presents Indonesian angklung, song and dance
4.05 - 4.10pm	Tempo Dance Chinese celebration dance
4.15 - 4.30pm	African Women's Choir
4.35 - 4.55pm	Street Beatz Hip Hop
5 - 7pm	Pasifika Showcase traditional music and dance featuring cultural performances from Tonga, Kiribati, Samoa, Fiji, Aotearoa/NZ and Cook Islands plus a colourful costume fashion show and interactive dancing

Food Fair Stalls and Bazaar Stalls All Day

11.30am - 7pm Wander through authentic arts and crafts, delicious food stalls, and CBD businesses with special offerings

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Parades & Roving Entertainment

11am - 12pm

Han Dynasty Roving Performance Group

12.30 - 1pm

Lion Dance Australian Yau Kung Mun Chinese Martial Arts Association Roving and Performance

3 - 4pm

Han Dynasty Roving Performance Group

3.15 - 3.30pm

Culture Mix Street Parade Workshop bring your own instrument and join this fun musical workshop for parade participants at the World Stage. All welcome!

3.30 - 4pm

Culture Mix Street Parade join the parade at the World Stage and performance in the Arts Precinct, led by Bateria 61, the Samambia dancers and Wollongong Conservatorium of Music Community Ensembles Program

4.30 - 5.30pm

Han Dynasty Roving Performance Group



Crown Street Mall Culture Kids

Creative fun for all ages and abilities

11.30am - 6pm

Make Your Own Musical Instrument by Big Fat Smile

11.30am - 6pm

Silent Disco and Costume Play! Healthy Cities Australia: Play Illawarra

11.30am - 6pm

The IMS Language Lounge see how many languages spoken in the Illawarra you can recognise and identify

11.30am - 6pm

Nature is Everyone's Culture drop-in activities presented by Wollongong Botanic Garden

11.30am - 6pm

Perpetual Chorus join artist Mignon Steele to work on our large-scale interactive community mural

11.30am - 6pm

Henna Station free applications by henna artists from different cultures

11am - 7pm

Culture Mix Tattoos free and available at information stands

Lower Crown Street Let's Dance

Move your body with beginner-friendly dance styles and great tunes

- 11.30 - 11.35am **Welcome to Let's Dance** 'Our Community of EmCees' mentored by Lillian Rodrigues-Pang
- 11.35 - 11.50am **MKUD Makedonski Biseri** Macedonian Pearls Dance Group
- 12 - 12.30pm **Learn to Line Dance** with Maddison Glover and Stephen Paterson from The Stomp. Beginners welcome!
- 12.40 - 1.15pm **Line Dancing** join in a casual line dancing session with boot scooting favourites
- 1.30 - 2pm **Learn to Dance Greek** with instructor Maria Karabelas
- 2 - 2.45pm **Greek Dancing** join a high-energy dance session with bouzouki sounds and electronic rhythms with DJ Theo Maestro
- 3 - 3.30pm **Learn to Dance West African** workshop with live drums led by Lucky Lartey
- 3.30 - 4.15pm **Afrobeats Dancing** unite on the open dance floor for high energy Afrobeat moves with DJ R.ICO
- 4.30 - 5pm **Learn to Dance KPOP Cover Dance** join this energetic, fun and fierce class with choreographer Jasmine Marae and STZ
- 5 - 5.30pm **KPOP Dancing** with DJ Arisse
- 5.45 - 6.15pm **Learn to Dance Bollywood** beginner-friendly session with Bollywood Xclusive Dance School
- 6.15 - 7pm **Bollywood Dancing** dance like nobody's watching with DJ Karan

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Lower Crown Street Global Stage

A fusion of contemporary and traditional global sounds

MC Ekrem Eli Phoenix and Stranded DJs

- 11.30am - 12.10pm **Desi DC and the Korma Kids** Indian folk and pop
- 12.45 - 1.25pm **The Other Noonans** Celtic musical performance
- 1.45 - 2.15pm **3Awadi** Middle Eastern rap performance
- 2.35 - 3.15pm **KYARNA** enchanting singer-songwriter from the Yuin Nation
- 3.55 - 4.40pm **Putrika** Jakarta-born artist creating alt-soul electronica
- 5 - 5.50pm **Africaya** West African traditional music by Moussa Diakite and Malin Sylla
- 6.10 - 7pm **Lux Trevis y Los Panderos** traditional Brazilian tunes

Food Fair

Taste new flavours at the
authentic community food
stalls and CBD eateries



Plan your visit

We encourage you to take public transport. Visit the website for information on transport options, parking and accessibility.



Need assistance?

Look for volunteers on the day wearing yellow Culture Mix shirts



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Visit the website for detailed information



Recognition of community support

Wollongong City Council would like to acknowledge the support of our Multicultural Community Advisory Group who guided the development of Culture Mix 2025. Representatives were: Illawarra Multicultural Services • Ann Burbrook; Multicultural Communities Council of Illawarra • Zahra Javadi; Karenni Community and Multicultural Health • Francis Kayphoe; Indian Community and Coordinare • Smriti Jaiswal; Pasifika Community • Marion Teao; and People with Disability • Eren Maltby.

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