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# Australia Day Events at Sydney Festival

### **Ferrython**



Photo: Ferrython © Prudence Upton

Kick off your Australia day with the annual *Ferrython*, one of Australia's most popular and iconic free events.

Now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year, the ferries have been racing since the Great Ferry Boat Race of 1980, Ferrython has become a great Australia Day tradition.

Our beloved fleet of ferries will be decked out in their most colourful decorations to go head-to-head: racing from Circular Quay to Shark Island and back for a nail-biting finish at the Sydney Harbour Bridge. Four ferries will be taking part in the race, in addition to the Sydney Festival ferry, NRMA, Meriton and Streets will each be taking over a ferry. Streets will be transforming the harbour skyline by dressing their ferry with a large inflatable Golden Gaytime.

Ferries began operating on the harbour in 1861 when fewer than 1,000 people lived on the North Shore. Now in 2016, with over 200,000 people living north of the harbour, populations may have changed but Sydney's love for travel by ferry has remained the same.

This mad race up and down Sydney's spectacular harbour is not to be missed. Pack a picnic and gather on the foreshore to cheer on the ferries as they get fast and furious.

Where Sydney Harbour

When 26 January at 11am

Price Free

Supported by Beyond the Wharf and The National Roads and Motorists Association (NRMA).

# Gallery Hour at the Cutaway, Barangaroo Reserve

From 1.00pm - 3.30pm visit the Cutaway at Barangaroo, a spectacular creative playground with natural skylights along the eastern edge of a carved sandstone cliff, to enjoy the last few hours of Olivier Grossetete's The Ephemeral City. This installation is one of the largest artworks that Sydney Festival has ever presented. The familiar yet imaginary city will be constructed throughout the festival, entirely from cardboard boxes and tape with the help of people across the city.







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It's also the last chance to catch Shaun Gladwell's newest video work, Skateboarders vs Minimalism, projected across the Cutaway's western wall.

Where The Cutaway at Barangaroo Reserve

When 26 January at 1.30-3pm

Price Free

# Day of Destruction for The Ephemeral City

Witness the spectacular dismantling of the collaboratively built cardboard city. At 3.30pm, be thrilled by The Ephemeral City's demolition.



Where The Cutaway at Barangaroo Reserve

When 26 January at 3.30pm

Price Free

Photo: Vincent Lucas

#### **Festival Village**

After a fun filled afternoon, head back into the city to Meriton Festival Village in Hyde Park for a celebratory evening of entertainment. Dance under the stars (or in a Spiegeltent) to magnificent music on the Village Bandstands by brilliant Festival musicians, eat and drink from some of the finest food stalls this city has ever seen and help to make the 40th Australia Day with Sydney Festival the most exciting and memorable yet.

Catch these ticketed shows on Australia Day evening:

**Cosmic Cambodia** Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent \$39 5.15pm **Knee Deep** The Famous Spiegeltent 5.45pm \$40 / \$36 Girlpool The Famous Spiegeltent \$39 8pm Lou Barlow Magic Mirrors Spiegeltent 7.30pm \$39

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