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SYDNEY IN SUMMER'S OPEN FOR LUNCH SET TO MAKE THE CITY SIZZLE

Sydney is set to burst into life this summer with five individual and unique long lunches celebrating the diversity of the Sydney hospitality scene.

Thanks to the NSW Government and part of the Sydney in Summer event series, OPEN FOR LUNCH will feature Sydney's best chefs and restaurants including Luke Mangan, Matt Moran, Anna Polyviou and more.

Minister for Tourism Ben Franklin said OPEN FOR LUNCH will bring thousands of locals and visitors together to kick-off Sydney in Summer and inject a significant boost to NSW's world-class hospitality industry.

"OPEN FOR LUNCH will be an unforgettable dining experience and a celebration of food, produce and award-winning chefs across four dining precincts along George Street and a once-off takeover of CommBank Stadium at Parramatta on Friday, 2 December," Mr Franklin said.

"Top culinary delights will be on the menu featuring NSW produce and legendary musical performances across all locations, making Sydney the place to be this summer.

"This world-class event features never before seen collaborations between Sydney's hospitality royalty including mimi's and Tottis; and YCK venues with NOLA Smokehouse, Rockpool Bar & Grill and dessert queen, Anna Polyviou.

"These are exciting times in NSW as Sydney in Summer builds on an incredible major events line-up including Opera on Cockatoo Island, Frida Kahlo: The Life of an Icon, the Art Gallery of NSW Opening Festival, Sydney WorldPride, blockbuster musicals, festivals, major sporting events such as SailGP, the United Cup, the HSBC Sydney 7's and racing carnivals."

Each precinct will have different attractions from food style and beverage pairings, to the entertainment and ambiance, which includes roving performers, DJs, Ministry of Sound Orchestra, Australian Motown legends, International musical guests, amusement rides, hay bales and country music.

Tickets are now on sale to all of the long lunch options, which are priced at \$65 plus a booking fee. Tickets for each dining experience are limited. To book tickets visit www.openforlunch.com.au.

OPEN FOR LUNCH is the first of the Sydney in Summer event series, presented by the NSW Government via its tourism and major events agency Destination NSW.

To find out more and plan your summer in Sydney visit www.sydney.com/events.

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KEY DETAILS

EVENT: OPEN FOR LUNCH

DATE: Friday 2nd December

TIME: 12 - 3pm

LOCATIONS:

- George Street, Sydney
- CommBank Stadium, Parramatta

COST: \$65 + Booking Fees per person (see event details below)

TICKETS: openforlunch.com.au

BLURB: A showcase of Sydney, food and fun OPEN FOR LUNCH is more than a Friday lunch outing. Kicking off the summer events season, it is a larger-than-life celebration of what Sydney and Parramatta does best: food, entertainment, and bringing people together. Join us in a unique outdoor setting in Sydney's CBD or Parramatta and be immersed in the globally inspired hotpot that is Sydney's diverse dining scene. This delicious line-up of multicultural culinary experiences is served with live music and unexpected moments of city-stopping theatrics. Mouthwatering, jaw dropping, and FOMO inducing, OPEN FOR LUNCH is an ever-evolving spectacular to share with your friends, family, colleagues, and the world.

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OPEN FOR LUNCH - GEORGE STREET, SYDNEY CBD

Event One

Name: FEAST FOR THE SENSES

Location: George Street (Between Park and Market Street)

MC / Hosts: Ben Fordham

Chefs / Restaurants:

- Luke Mangan - glass brasserie
- Samantha Payne - Sommelier

Entertainment:

- Sexy Sunday Jam
- Ministry of Sound Orchestra & Vocalists

Blurb: Feast For The Senses - Be greeted by roving performers and enjoy a signature 'Feast for the Senses' Cocktail on arrival before being seated at the table and treated to a stunning three course lunch by Chef, Luke Mangan featuring a selection of glass brasserie's signature dishes paired with a curated line-up of local NSW wines by sommelier, Samantha Payne. Bite to the beat and enjoy an afternoon of revolving show stopping talent including Sexy Sunday Jam and a spectacular orchestral performance from the Ministry of Sound Orchestra.

Ticket Inclusion: \$65 + Booking Fees per person

- Three course plated meal
- Three hour drinks package

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Event Two

Name: YCK Fair

Location: George Street (Between Market and King Street)

Chefs / Restaurants:

- Bobby Trang - Cash Only Diner
- Paul Carr & Amila Hemachandra - Stitch Bar in collaboration with Anna Polyviou
- Dave Penistone - The Barber Shop
- Jolene's in collaboration with NOLA Smokehouse
- Will Cartel - Esteban
- PS40 Collaboration with Santiago Aristizabal (Rockpool Bar & Grill)

Entertainment

- Yorke
- Greta Ray
- SURPRISE GUEST

Blurb: This is YCK Fair – the latest daytime event hosted by Sydney’s premium small bars precinct, YCK Laneways. Taking over an entire block of George Street and bringing the complete carnival experience to the CBD, including amusement rides and games, roving entertainment and performers. Choose from one of six, three-course menus by the stellar line up of chefs from YCK Laneways and enjoy a cocktail on arrival and two more drinks for a cool \$65. As if that wasn't enough, guests will enjoy live entertainment from SPECIAL SURPRISE ACT + GRETTA RAY + YORKE, as well as some jaw dropping fair day themed performances!

Ticket Inclusion: \$65 + Booking Fees per person

- Three course meal at one of six long tables, (table selected at time of ticket purchase)
- Cocktail on arrival
- Two standard drinks (additional drinks available to purchase)

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Event Three

Name: GEORGE STREET HOEDOWN

Location: George Street (Between King Street and Martin Place) (including Barrack St)

Chefs / Restaurants:

- Ben Milgate and Elvis Abrahamowicz - Porteño,
- Bodega x Wyno, Bastardo, Humble Bakery

Entertainment:

- Joshua Hedley (International Artist from Nashville)
- Emily Nenni (International Artist from Nashville)
- Tunes by Love Police

Features:

- Country merchandise on sale from the team of Route 66

Blurb: The George Street Hoedown will bring a touch of Nashville tastes and sounds to Sydney with a melting pot of friends and collaborators throwing down their country wares for one day only.

Providing the soundtrack, Nashville resident and singing professor of country and western, Joshua Hedley will be flying in from the USA with his band and special guest, Emily Nenni for three hours of live music power. An ace fiddle player, a sharp guitarist, and a singer with a granite twang, Josh has devoted his entire life to the study of this genre.

The kitchen team will be led by local legends Ben and Elvis of Porteño fame, who will be feeding guests their take on the infamous Nashville BBQ, with grills and smokers filling the George Street skies with sticky goodness.

The team from Route 66 will be purveying a range of limited and exclusive Hoedown merchandise for the country diehards, and anyone who appreciates a good shirt, appropriate denim, and bolo ties.

If you like sitting on hay bales, eating BBQ food, and enjoying a cold beer and a Tennessee whiskey while listening to Ol' Hed and his band, you should probably dust off your boots and get yourself a ticket to The George Street Hoedown.

Ticket inclusions: \$65 + Booking Fees per person

- One x Substantial Food Ticket
- One x Side Serve Food Ticket
- Two drink tickets

- Additional drinks available to purchase

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Event Four

Name: DISCO PICNIC

Location: George St (Between Angel Place and Hunter Street)

Chefs / Restaurants:

- Merivale's Jordan Toft - mimi's
- Mike Eggert - Totti's

Entertainment:

- Groove City

Blurb: Get ready to enjoy a long lunch with a side of disco in the heart of the CBD, outside ivy Precinct. An Italian-style feast – by Merivale's Jordan Toft (mimi's) and Mike Eggert (Totti's) – will feature antipasti, porchetta, and more, alongside live entertainment, in what's set to be a delicious, one-of-a-kind summer party. The event will run from 12pm – 3pm, with tickets at \$65 (plus booking fees) per person.

Ticket inclusion: \$65 + Booking Fees per person

- 3 course meal
- 3 hour beverage package

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Event Five

Name: WESTERN SYDNEY LONG LUNCH

Location: Cumberland Lounge Terrace, CommBank Stadium (Parramatta)

Event Time: 12pm - 4pm

Chefs / Restaurants:

- Matt Moran
- Misc. Parramatta

Entertainment:

- Human Nature

Blurb: Is a once-in-a-lifetime culinary experience curated by Australian food icon, Matt Moran, which highlights the best produce NSW has to offer while maintaining Matt's famous 'paddock to plate' philosophy. On arrival guests will be treated to an array of live food stations that will showcase the best food and drink from some of Parramatta's neighboring restaurants including Misc. Parramatta. Guests will then be seated at one long table situated on the Cumberland Lounge terrace and treated to a carefully curated two course menu by Matt himself. To finish, dessert will be served by roaming performers and Australian icons Human Nature will take to the stage to perform an intimate show of their Motown Greatest Hits.

Ticket inclusion: \$65 + Booking Fees per person

- 3 course seated meal
- 4 hour drink package

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