

SHINE THIS SUMMER AT DARLING HARBOUR

Darling Harbour has lots of family-friendly entertainment and free activities to enjoy this summer. With stunning harbour views, a range of dining and beverage options, and unique pop-up entertainment, it really is a one-stop summer destination.

Night Owls Kids' Film Fest returns to the Darling Quarter Village Green for 17 nights of free movies, short films and live entertainment. There are plenty of eateries nearby where the family can grab some delicious dinner before the flick! Night Owls kicks off from Friday, 4 January with *The Greatest Showman* at 6.45pm and *Black Panther* at 8.30pm.

Darling Quarter's Village Green will also be home to a big screen for major event screenings over summer, including Carols by Candlelight from Melbourne (24-25 December), Boxing Day Cricket Test (26-29 December), New Year's Cricket Test (3-7 January), Sydney International Tennis (7-12 January) and the Australian Open (14-21 January). All events will be supported by special lounges and lawn games – fun for the whole family!

Hire old-school **Pedal Boats** at Cockle Bay Marina from Friday, 4 January to Monday, 28 January. The **Cockle Bay Wharf Pedal Boats** are sure to be a hit with friends, families and couples looking for an enjoyable way to take in the warm weather festivities. There will be shaded picnic tables along the promenade if you need a rest afterwards.

Experience weightlessness inside the Earth's gravitational pull as you float through the air at the **Sydney Festival 2019** installation, '**Moon Drops**'. Try out your skills on seven bouncy 'Moon Drops' - super-sized, rubber-encased pillows of water - you can play, step, jump and roll on. There is also an easily accessible 'Moon Drop' to touch and feel for a more sensory experience. The whole family will love this free, moon-inspired mini adventure.

But the fun doesn't stop there! The giant **Ferris Wheel** will reappear in Darling Harbour for the month from Saturday, 5 January. Take a seat and travel up, up, up, all the while admiring the sweeping views of the harbour below.

The night sky will also light up with a **stunning fireworks display** every Saturday evening at 9pm over summer. Take the family to dinner at Cockle Bay for a ringside seat, but make sure you arrive early for the best view!

On Saturday, 26 January, why not celebrate **Australia Day** at Darling Harbour? Tumbalong Park will transform into a summer playground of live performances and entertainment, as well as a range of fun events for all to enjoy. World famous children's group **The Wiggles** will perform, as well as funk band, **The Bamboos**. Don't forget your dancing shoes as you dine and dance your way through the day!

Take a break from the Australia Day live performances and release your inner acrobat at **The Circus Playground** at Darling Quarter Village Green. The free playground will have games to suit every member of the family. Make sure you keep an eye out for the **Bouncy Kangaroos** roaming Darling Harbour and bring your camera, so you don't forget to take a family pic!

School's out for summer. Darling Harbour has you covered with plenty of fun and educational activities to keep the kids entertained for hours. **The Australian National Maritime Museum** will unleash an **Aquatic Imaginarium**. Step inside a play-zone wonderland full of giant fish inflatables, sensory installations and various workshops. Experience **Sea Life Sydney Aquarium's** new exhibit, the largest of its kind in the world, **Day and Night on the Reef**. This interactive exhibit is home to hundreds of beautiful sea creatures and is designed to take guests on a colourful journey through the world-

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famous Great Barrier Reef, right in the heart of Sydney. Families can also head to **Wild Life Sydney Zoo** for **Koala Season**. Visit the adorable koala joeys or enjoy a breakfast experience like no other, getting up close and personal with these adorable Aussies. Don't forget to snap a selfie on Koala Rooftop!

The **Chinese Garden of Friendship** is giving kids the chance to learn kung fu these school holidays at its **Little Grasshoppers Kung Fu Classes**. The workshop will teach basic forms of kung fu and hold exhilarating demonstrations! The Garden will also host **Lantern Decorating** workshops, giving budding artists the chance to decorate their own Chinese lantern to take home and hang in the garden for the Lunar New Year.

For further information and details about summer in Darling Harbour, head to www.darlingharbour.com

Darling Harbour Summer Events

Fireworks

Every Saturday night
9pm
Cockle Bay
Free.

Australian National Maritime Museum

Summer Holidays Program

- Wednesday 26 December – Monday 28 January

Creative Workshops for Kids 8-14 years

- Tuesday 15 January – Wednesday 23 January

Family Torchlight Tour

- Thursday 24 January 2019

Under 5s Summer Tours

- Tuesday 8 January – Tuesday 29 January

On Sharks & Humanity

- Tuesday 11 December – Sunday 2 June

9.30am-5pm daily

Australian National Maritime Museum

Adult: \$32. Child (under four years old): Free.

Child (4-15 years old): \$20. Members: Free.

Sea Life Sydney Aquarium

Day and Night on the Reef

10am- 6pm daily (last entry at 5pm)

Sea Life Sydney Aquarium, Aquarium Wharf

Adult: from \$36.80

Child: from \$26.40.

Koala Season at Wild Life Sydney Zoo

Saturday, 15 December – Monday, 28 January

10am - 5pm daily (last entry at 4pm)

Adult: from \$35

Child: from \$24.60

Breakfast with the koalas (additional)

Adult: \$55. Child: \$45

NB: Pre-booking is essential.

Ferris Wheel

Saturday, 5 January – Thursday, 31 January

Monday to Thursday: 10am-11pm

Friday to Sunday: 10am-11.59pm

Harbourside Amphitheatre

\$8 per ticket, \$30 for four tickets.

Cockle Bay Wharf Pedal Boats

Friday, 4 January – Monday, 28 January

11pm-8pm

Cockle Bay

Tickets: \$30 per boat for 30 minutes.

Night Owls Kids' Film Fest

Friday, 4 January – Sunday, 20 January

6pm-11pm

Darling Quarter Village Green

Free.

Sydney Festival Moon Drops

Wednesday, 9 January – Monday, 28 January

10am – 8pm

ICC Sydney Forecourt

Free.

Australia Day – Friday 26 January

The Wiggles

11am-12pm
Tumbalong Park
Free but ticketed.

Live Music

All day
Tumbalong Park
Free.

The Bamboos

6pm-7pm
Tumbalong Park.

Fizz Bang Science Show

2pm-3pm
Tumbalong Park
Free.

The Circus Playground

12pm-3pm
Darling Quarter Village Green
Free.

Bouncy Kangaroos

Free
10am–5pm
Throughout Darling Harbour.