



# WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL



EVENT GUIDE

Mount Annan  
21-22/2/2026

# EVENT INFO:

## WHEN

21 - 22 February 2026

## WHERE

Lakeside Lawn  
Australian Botanic Garden  
362 Narellan Rd  
Mount Annan, NSW 2567

## PARKING

See details on next page.

\*The use of public transportation or rideshare is encouraged!

## WHAT TO BRING

Event ticket	Sunscreen/Bug Spray
Lawn Chair	Weather appropriate clothing
Blanket	Drinking water

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Welcome to the Water Lantern Festival, where family, friends, and community members gather to reflect and connect with one another. Enjoy the vibrant and lively atmosphere of the festival, including local food trucks and lively entertainment. Create a unique lantern honoring your experience and set it afloat, lighting up the night with love and laughter

## SCHEDULE

### 5:00-7:00 PM

Arrival time between 5:00-7:00. Please arrive before 6:45 PM as entry gates to the Garden close at 7:00 PM

### 6:00-6:50 PM

Performers

### 7:30-8:00 PM

Lantern Stories, Meditation, Launch Instructions

### 8:00-8:50 PM

Lantern Launch Window

### 9:00 PM

Event Ends



# VENUE & PARKING

## PARKING

Free parking is available in designated spots shown on the map below. Please adhere to guidance from traffic controllers while parking. The use of public transportation and rideshare services is strongly encouraged when possible. Please note: if there is wet weather in the lead-up to the event, parking will be extremely limited.



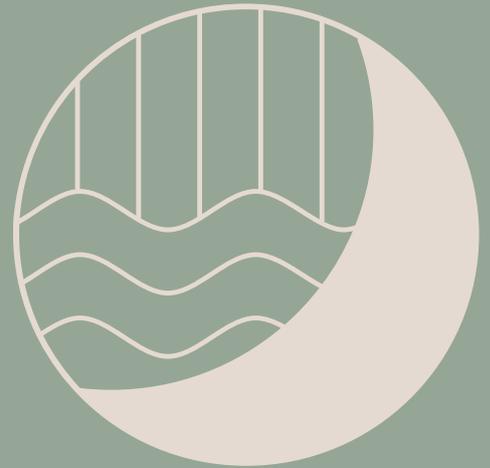
# LANTERN LAUNCH

## PLEASE NOTE

Our lantern launch is subject to weather conditions which may impact the lanterns movement on the water.

## DECORATE YOUR LANTERN

1. Decorate your lantern with messages of empowerment, remembrance, and connection.
2. Push the four rods into each corner of the lantern base and slide the paper sleeve over the rods
3. Place the LED candle in the center of the lantern.
4. Listen for instructions and launch your lantern during the designated window.



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# VENDORS

## FOOD

Aussie Sisters Catering

Coffee & Sno Cone To Go

Dippin' Dots Hurstville

Curly Frie Stick

Sweet Street

Fairy Floss Kingdom

Amigos Food Truck

# PERFORMERS

## NICOLA DE SENSI

Nicola De Sensi is a pop-infused indie artist known for her enchanting vocals and emotionally resonant songwriting. Blending heartfelt lyricism with intricate, melodic production, Nicola crafts songs that pull at the heartstrings and speak to shared human experiences. Inspired by pop queens like Sabrina Carpenter and Billie Eilish, as well as indie voices like Carol Aedes, Rachel Chinouriri and Stevie Bill, she channels her influences into a sound that's distinctly her own. Nicola is now stepping into a new chapter of her artistry that's deeper, more vulnerable, and more authentic to her.



## JASON BAWDEN

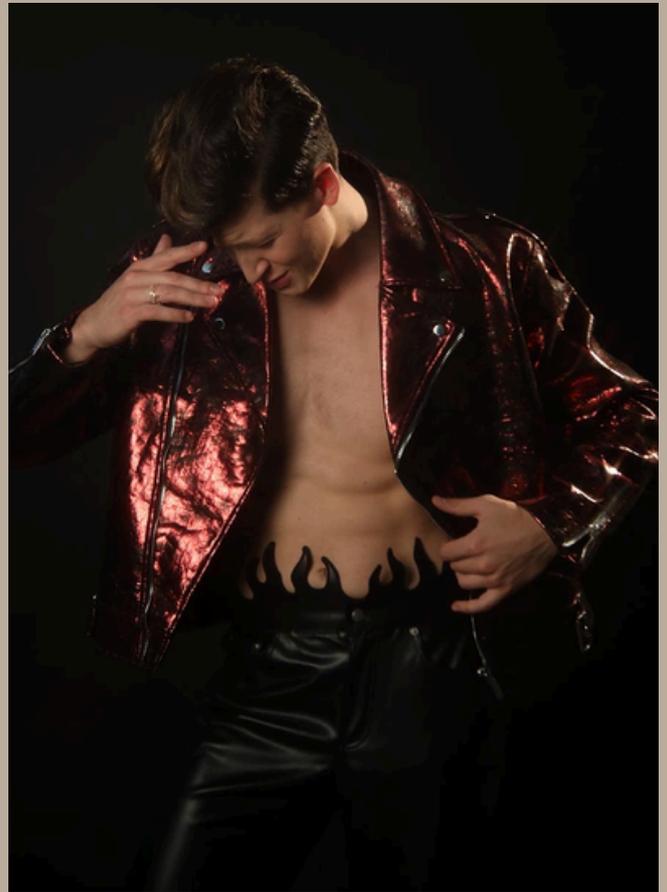
Jason Bawden is a published Australian musician & music producer. With prior releases on indie labels Foghorn & Regal records, he performs his original songs and covers in solo or full band mode. He has shared stages with and supported: Guitar heroes Australia, The Superjesus, The living end, Eskimo Joe, The butterfly effect, Something for Kate, Thirsty Merc, Mental as anything, Pete Murray, Mammal, MM9, Lord and many more. Jason's music has been aired on national TV/radio networks, used in the longest running Australian Comedy TV series, and achieved tens of thousands of streams across multiple songs & platforms.



# PERFORMERS

## STAN RITTNER

Stan Rittner is a French retro-disco, funk, and pop singer whose universe blends music, style, and storytelling. First recognised after his appearance on the iconic French television show *Star Academy* in September 2022, Stan quickly stood out for his vintage-inspired sound and distinctive visual identity. Rooted in the golden era of French funk and disco, his music revives classic grooves through a modern pop lens – nostalgic, joyful, and undeniably current. His releases are driven by rhythm, emotion, and atmosphere, creating performances that feel immersive, expressive, and deeply connected to the audience. Since his debut, Stan has released four singles showcasing his signature fusion of retro soundscapes, contemporary production, and bold aesthetic sensibility, with a new single set for release shortly. Now based in Sydney since September 2024, Stan is expanding his international presence while bridging music and fashion through editorial projects and brand collaborations.



# Australian Botanic Garden

Plants at the heart of a thriving world.

## BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION

The Botanic Gardens of Sydney play a vital role in protecting Australia's unique plant life through world-leading research, conservation, and restoration efforts. Their work focuses on safeguarding threatened species, studying plant adaptation, and preserving biodiversity in the face of climate change. These efforts help ensure resilient ecosystems for future generations while advancing global understanding of plant science.

## DONATION

Guests may choose to support this important work through optional donations that benefit Foundation & Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Sydney. These contributions directly support essential horticultural, scientific, and conservation programs across the Botanic Gardens of Sydney, helping fund research, plant protection initiatives, and long-term environmental stewardship.

## SUSTAINABILITY

The Australian Botanic Garden is home to a diverse range of native plant and animal species and plays a vital role in conservation and habitat protection. By celebrating responsibly, we help safeguard this unique environment while minimizing our impact. Together, we can enjoy a meaningful experience that honors nature and supports a more sustainable future.

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