



WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL



EVENT GUIDE

Newcastle, NSW
16 May 2026

EVENT INFO:

WHEN

16 May 2026

WHERE

Speers Point Park
Park Rd, Speers Point
NSW 2284, Australia

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	

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

2:30-5:00 PM

Arrival time between 2:30-5:00

Please arrive before 5:00 PM

4:00-5:00 PM

Performers

5:00-5:30 PM

Lantern Stories, Meditation,
Launch Instructions

5:30-6:30 PM

Lantern Launch Window

6:30 PM

Event Ends



VENUE & PARKING

PARKING

Parking is available at your own discretion. Please follow all posted signage and local guidelines when selecting a parking area. When possible, we encourage guests to use rideshare or carpool to help reduce congestion.



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

Support your favorite local vendors at the event.

Jimmy's Ice Cream Vans

Sister's Crepes

Aussie Sisters Catering

Amigos Food Truck

Tornado Potato



PERFORMERS

SUSAN BAXTER



AARON WHITE



AARON WHITE MUSIC

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SUSTAINABILITY

Water Lantern Festival cares deeply about our environment and our water resources. Our lanterns are made from wood and biodegradable paper making them as sustainable as possible. Following the event our team retrieves each lantern as well as any trash in or around the water. We encourage you to follow our example and leave the park better than we found it.

RELEASE WAIVER

By participating in the Water Lantern Festival, you agree to the release waiver which can be viewed at

<https://www.waterlanternfestival.com/release-waiver>.

We are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Children should not be left unattended at any time during the event.

EVENT UPDATES

Be sure to follow the Water Lantern Festival event page on Facebook to receive last-minute event updates.

