

Australia Pavilion

National Day Celebrations
Saturday 29 January 2022

PROGRAM OF EVENTS



AUSTRALIA
EXPO 2020 DUBAI
BLUE SKY DREAMING



G'day

You're invited to join the Australian Pavilion at Expo 2020 Dubai on Saturday 29 January 2022 as we celebrate Australia's National Day.

Since the start of Expo, the Australian Pavilion has welcomed almost one million visitors through its doors. Our visitor experience encapsulates the aspirations and achievements of our nation, harnesses the Australian spirit of optimism, ambition and ingenuity, and celebrates our diversity, creativity and collaboration through 60,000 years of innovation.

Our National Day activities will celebrate the spirit of Australia by providing all visitors a chance to experience the best of Australia from the moment they walk through the gates.

Enjoy a full day of entertainment across the Expo site, including live performances on Victoria Stage, film presentations on the big screen, roving activity by the crowd-pleasing bouncing Roo'd crew and non-stop sports activations at Aussie Park.

Visitors to Al Wasl Plaza will discover how our First Nations people harnessed the beauty of the stars through astronomy, as the sequence from the star-dreaming gallery is projected onto the world's biggest dome.

Australian Indigenous rapper and dancer, Baker Boy, will take to the stage along with new music sensation Mitch Tambo, and we welcome His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia to officiate the formal proceedings.

We look forward to welcoming you to share with us this unforgettable 'Aussie' experience.



Australia Pavilion

Event	Time
Screening of Indigenous Smoking Ceremony performed in the Dubai desert	10:00am
Screening of Bus Stop Film's <i>Panther In the Dark</i>	10:50am
Flag Raising Ceremony and National Anthem	11:00am
Victorian International School of Sharjah performance	11:40am
Aerialist and acrobatic performances with each show focusing on different elements including hoop, silks and freestyle displays	Multiple performances from 12:30pm until 9pm
Jaymie Deville R&B singer-songwriter and former X-Factor finalist	1:10pm, 11:45pm
O'Shea – Award winning country music duo, Mark and Jay O'Shea	2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:20pm
Tom Ward classical guitarist	5:40pm
Australian Pavilion Cloud simulated storm and light show	6:20pm, 11:15pm
Australian National Day Concert featuring Baker Boy, Mitch Tambo, Indigenous dancers and Pacific Family dance group	9:00pm to late

Screening of *Araatika! Rise Up* the documentary about a group of NRL greats who came together to create a new pre-game ceremony to celebrate Australia's First Nations cultures - Terra Auditorium at 2pm.

Enjoy a delicious National Day menu which includes lamb rolls, parmi burgers & meat pies! Meet our mascots Wattle and Jali throughout the day and have some fun with the bouncing roos.



Al Wasl Plaza

Event	Time
<p>Official National Day Ceremony.</p> <p>His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.</p> <p>Flag raising, national anthem and cultural performances live on Stage of Nations. Featuring Baker Boy, Mitch Tambo and Indigenous dance troupe.</p>	4:20pm
<p>Sequence from the Australian Pavilion Star Dreaming Gallery will be projected onto Al Wasl Plaza dome.</p> <p>The 7-minute show will be followed by a short cultural performance featuring Baker Boy, Mitch Tambo and Indigenous dance troupe.</p>	6:20pm



Aussie Park

Event	Time
Aussie Bootcamp	10:00am, 6:00pm
Aussie Fun Games	10:00am, 3:00pm, 4:00pm
Coast to Coast all-day Rowing Challenge	10am to 6pm
Surf Life Saving Workshop	11:00am, 1:45pm
Ultimate Frisbee	11:00am, 11:30am
Cricket Activation Challenges	11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm
Youth Netball Skills Clinic	12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm
AFL Youth Skills with Bachar Houli	12:30pm
Big Bash BBQ with Australian Pavilion mascots Wattle & Jali	1:00pm
Backyard Cricket family fun	2:00pm, 3:00pm
Exhibition Basketball match	4:00pm, 5:00pm
Australia Pavilion V UAE Pavilion exhibition football game	5:00pm

There will also be an AFL exhibition match played at Expo Arena at 2:30pm featuring the Bachar Houli Foundation, AFL Middle East and the Irish Pavilion team.



Baker Boy



Image via Instagram: @lan.Laidlaw

Baker Boy, is an Indigenous Australian rapper, dancer, artist, and actor. A Yolngu man, Baker Boy is known for performing original hip-hop songs incorporating both English and Yolngu Matha language representing his Arnhem Land families.

His totem is the Olive Python, his moiety is Dhuwa and his skin is Buralung/ Gela boy.

An original member of dance sensations Djuki Mala, Baker Boy has toured extensively in Australia and Internationally. Dancing at major festivals, conferences and at grass roots level at remote, urban and regional Indigenous communities.

Baker Boy, who goes by his skin name Gela will be performing two of his hit songs including 'Meditjin'.



Mitch Tambo



Mitch Tambo is an Australian singer and songwriter who self-released his debut EP in 2016. In 2019, he reached the final of the ninth series of *Australia's Got Talent* which eventually got him signed to Sony Australia.

Mitch blends traditional Aboriginal sounds and language with contemporary beats and production. Tambo embraces his Aboriginal (Gamilaraay) culture proudly and embodies his history through his music.

Mitch is a sought-out opinion contributor, commentator and speaker on podcasts and an acclaimed cultural practitioner and motivator across schools and for community organisations. Mitch is also a UNICEF ambassador, raising awareness of child rights and issues affecting children across Australia, the region and the world

His debut album *Guurama-Li* soared up the iTunes World Music charts in Australia, the UK, US and Europe reaching #1 in Australia, #1 in Denmark, #1 Malta, #2 in the UK and #34 in the US.



O'Shea



The multi-award-winning husband and wife duo, O'SHEA are one of Australia's most exciting musical exports. Based in Nashville, O'SHEA have graced some of the world's most famed stages, from the Grand Ole Opry to the Sydney Opera House.

Jay's musical journey has seen her tour the globe as a backing singer for superstars such as INXS and Sir Tim Rice and for 10 years her songwriting skills have kept her busy as a staff writer in London, LA and Nashville. Jay's songs have been cut in the USA, Japan, Australia and have even found their way to the #1 spot on the pop charts in Europe, where her track "Little Miss H" knocked Madonna from the top of the charts and went double platinum for Spanish superstar, Chenoa!

Mark's career began as a 16 year-old from Western Queensland, winning a talent quest at the Gympie Muster. Since then he's racked up several #1s on the Australian Country Charts both as an artist and a writer, cracked the ARIA Top 20 with his pop/rock band ZINC, and has opened for both Keith Urban and John Farnham.

O'Shea have seven Golden Guitars on the mantle (Australian Country Music's highest honor).



Bachar Houli



Bachar Houli is an Australian Rules Footballer for the Richmond Football Club, famously known as the first devout Muslim to play the game at the highest level.

Playing over 200 games, three time premiership player and being named All Australian in 2019. Off the field, Houli is a devout Muslim and the founder of the Bachar Houli Foundation.

Houli is regarded as a leader and role model for the Australian community due to his inspiring work promoting social cohesion and harmony. Houli's dedication and commitment to his community work with Muslim youth has enabled him to become one of Australia's most prominent public figures. He has been internationally recognised and awarded the Beyond Sport achievement award for the Bachar Houli Islamic Programs in Philadelphia, USA and High Excellence Award for Muslim and non-Muslim Understanding. In 2020, Houli's contributions to the community were recognised by the AFL, as he was awarded the Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award.



Roo'd



Giant kangaroos on amazing bouncing stilts! That's Roo'd! Jumping a metre off the ground and 2 metres in a bound, they're a phenomenal sight with their cheeky blend of outback macho and inner city punk savvy — always Roo'd but never offensive.

The Roo'd crew will be entertaining crowds across Expo on our national day, including in the Australian Pavilion forecourt and at Aussie Park.





Vegemite & Bega Cheese Jaffle

Vegemite & Bega Tasty Cheese.

AED 15

Lamington

A soft buttery sponge cake coated with chocolate icing and coconut.

AED 10

ANZAC Biscuit

Golden syrup combined with wholesome goodness of oats and coconut.

AED 4

Tim Tam Sundae

Tim Tam served in a cup with soft serve ice cream.

AED 15

Caramello Koala Sundae

Caramello Koala served in a cup with soft serve ice cream.

AED 18

Anzac Cheesecake

Vanilla Cheesecake with Anzac Cookie Base topped with Passion Fruit Compote.
(Bega Cream Cheese) *Gluten, Milk, Nuts

AED 20

RECEIVE A FREE TIM TAM WITH ANY HOT BEVERAGE PURCHASED



*Menu prices are inclusive of VAT 5%



MILK



GLUTEN



PEANUTS



THE LOCAL

AUSSIE GRILL

Grilled Tiger Prawns

AED 55

Lime Pepper Australian Tiger Prawns grilled to perfection.
Served with a Fresh Garden Salad.

Parmi Burger

AED 40

Panko Crusted Chicken Breast Coated in Marinara and Melted Bega Tasty Cheese.
Served in a Burger Bun with Romaine Lettuce and Mayo

Sausage Sizzle

AED 10

Grilled Smoked Beef Sausage with Grilled Onions and Your Choice of Tomato Sauce
or BBQ Sauce Served in White Sandwich Bread.

Avo Bao Buns

AED 40

Tempura Avocado Served in a Bao Bun with Grilled Onions, Pickled Red Cabbage,
Frisee Lettuce, and a Ponzu Dressing

BBQ Aussie Lamb Roll

AED 20

Served in a Portuguese Roll with Mint Jelly and Gravy.

Aussie Pie and Chips

AED 30

Choice of Braised Lamb Shank, Chicken & Mushroom or Pepper Steak.
Served with steak fries.

Pavlova

AED 30

Crispy Meringue with a Chewy Middle served with Vanilla Whipped Cream,
Passion Fruit and Berries



*Menu prices are inclusive of VAT 5%



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CRUSTACEANS



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AUSSIE BAR

Victoria Bitter Bucket

5 beers (375ml Can)

AED 160

(plus 7% DM Fee)

Little Creatures Pale Ale Bucket

5 beers (375ml Can)

AED 210

(plus 7% DM Fee)

Little Creatures IPA Bucket

5 beers (375ml Can)

AED 210

(plus 7% DM Fee)

Milo Martini Cocktail

Infused Milo Vodka

AED 35

(plus 7% DM Fee)

Botanic Gardens

Gin infused with Sage Flower

AED 35

(plus 7% DM Fee)



HAPPY NATIONAL DAY