



## Fact Sheet: Vivid Sydney in Chatswood

Inspired by the fiftieth anniversary of Woodstock, Vivid Sydney at Chatswood runs from 24 May to 15 June and will reflect iconic values of love, peace and harmony through installations of light, symphonies of music and an exploration of challenging ideas.

The festival showcases innovative, cutting-edge techniques that explore how these 1969 values relate to our modern world now and in the future.

In 2019, Chatswood embraces all three pillars of Vivid Sydney offering visitors a full schedule of activities and entertainment throughout the festival. From super tournaments for girl gamers and Q&A sessions with world pioneers in 3D projection mapping to plant-based eating for the future and New York jazz, rock and gospel, Chatswood can offer hours of activities – stay for a day, linger for a weekend or come back again and again.

Vivid Sydney Creative Director, Ignatius Jones said, “Chatswood is one of the city’s favourite lifestyle and retail precincts, and during Vivid Sydney the creative, innovative side of Chatswood really shines through. The diverse light installations and projections tell stories of community and place, while the music and ideas events will challenge, delight and inspire. Chatswood is a great option for families to visit and share the journey together.”

**What:** Vivid Sydney at Chatswood

**Where:** Victoria Ave, Chatswood

**When:** Friday 24 May to Saturday 15 June 2018

**Time:** 5.30pm – 10:30pm

Highlights include:

- Every night, The Concourse will light up with the festival’s hero light projection **Co-existence** from Hungarian artist collective **Limelight**, the world-pioneer in cutting edge 3D projection mapping. Inspired by Chatswood’s diverse culture and history, Hungarian artist collective Limelight explore the relationship between individuals and communities through visual connections with the building’s façade.
- Limelight mentored a selection of emerging artists from Belgium, Vietnam, Germany, Korea, Slovakia and Australia through their **Limelight Academy Masterclass**. These students have created stunning artworks using architectural project mapping designed specifically for The Concourse.
- Experience a grand **Cascading Harp** (Zara Pasfield) spanning three levels of Chatswood Interchange in a delicate interactive curtain of lights, colour and music





celebrating peace and harmony. Weave through the colourful ropes and touch the jangling bells to create your own joyful song.

- **I Dance With You (Tianli Zu)** - Behold the majesty of the powerful yet delicate wings of the mythical Qilin beast on Chatswood Mall bringing prosperity and peace. Intricate cut out art, interactive light and original music combine to provide a spiritual and immersive experience.
- **Trumpet Flowers (Simone Chua)** - Experience a giant musical garden on Chatswood Mall as 40 trumpet flowers tower over you. Play the massive trumpet keys and make your own spectacular floral sound and light show. Inspired by vintage gramophones *Trumpet Flowers* will rear to life as music plays throughout the interactive artwork.
- **Woodie (Marius Hoggenmueller, Luke Hespanhol [& Martin Tomitsch])** - Woodie the free-moving, chalk-drawing robot will transform Mills Lane utilising the area as a large art canvas. The laneway will be illuminated with UV lights, revealing Woodie's playground as a stunning visualisation made of glowing words and drawings.
- Immerse yourself in the wonderful world of Woodstock with these three installations: **Sounds of Infinity**, **A Vision: Peace, Love and Music** and **Light Hearted**. Sounds of Infinity is a mirror that transforms at night into a repurposed retro-futuristic portal, integrating sound sensors and LED lights within a large two-way mirror. Reflect on the iconic values of the original Woodstock Festival - peace, love and music, through an ever present "eye", or become a part of the artwork at Light Hearted at The Concourse. Underpinned by childhood memories and themes of peace and love, an infrared camera captures your movement as the underlying LED technology projects dynamic colours in this infinitely changing and vibrant installation.
- **Vivid Music** showcases quality international acts at The Concourse. Performing artists include **Vince Jones**, who set the benchmark for Australian Contemporary Jazz, and lead singer **Lisa Fischer** and her band **Grand Baton**, who will bring a dose of New York jazz, rock, gospel and pop. At the **And Love Will Steer The Stars** concert on 25 May rock meets classical music to delight visitors with songs that capture the optimism of the revolutionary year 1969.
- **Vivid Ideas** explores some of the most pressing topics of our era and is designed to challenge, excite, shock and motivate. Join the free talk series every day at 11am–12 noon at Chatswood Chase Sydney to hear the debate on the biggest questions facing humans in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The Concourse also hosts the **Girl Gamer ESports**





**Oceania Festival** that celebrates diversity in gaming whilst tackling the stereotypes of the industry.

### **About Vivid Sydney**

Vivid Sydney is the largest festival of light, music and ideas in the Southern Hemisphere. Celebrating its eleventh anniversary in 2019, Vivid Sydney is continually setting the benchmark for world class events, creativity and innovation. It will transform the Harbour City into a colourful creative canvas from the 24 May to 15 June, 2019. The Festival features spectacular largescale light installations and projections; contemporary and cutting-edge music performances and collaborations; public talks by renowned thought leaders, industry seminars, conferences and creativity workshops, all celebrating Sydney's place as the creative industries hub of the Asia-Pacific. Vivid Sydney is owned, managed and produced by Destination NSW, the NSW Government's tourism and major events agency, and in 2018 attracted 2.25 million attendees. For more information visit [vivid Sydney.com](http://vivid Sydney.com)

### **Vivid Sydney at Chatswood**

Vivid Sydney at Chatswood is run by Willoughby City Council and is supported by Chatswood Chase Sydney, Chatswood Interchange and Westfield Chatswood. The precinct is accessible, easily reached via public transport and there is local parking available. Visitors can also enjoy the superb gourmet dining and great shopping the precinct has to offer year round.

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