

# FESTIVAL CALENDAR



**Cowra Festival**  
of International Understanding

GUEST NATION – JAPAN  
15–17 March 2019

**A busy program of activities is planned for the Festival weekend and beyond, with something for everyone ...**

As well as the traditional window displays and parade floats, we're launching the inaugural Cowra Festival Karaoke Competition and a Haiku Poetry Competition with categories for young and old. There's a fashion parade, the Annual Duck Race and much more. Be sure to visit the static displays featured around Cowra:

- *War and Peace in the Pacific* Exhibition
- Shop and Business window displays
- Bluebell Tanka Poetry Club Exhibition
- Cowra Visitor Information Centre Display

\* Program details are correct at time of publication and may be subject to change.

WEDNESDAY  
**13**



**Senior Citizens Morning Tea**  
10.15am – 11am | Bilyara  
Open to the Public  
Meet some of our Youth Ambassadors and learn about Japanese Culture

**Cowra CWA Evening Group Open Dinner**  
6.30pm | Cowra Services Club  
Featuring Youth Ambassador talks, performances and a presentation about Japan.

THURSDAY  
**14**

**ANU Kabuki Club Performance**  
11am and 7pm | Cowra Civic Centre  
Free Entry  
Stylised Japanese Theatre featuring extravagant makeup, song and dance.



FRIDAY  
**15**

**Schools' Taiko Drumming Workshops**  
with Waidiko Rindo  
9.30am, 11am, 1.30pm  
Cowra Civic Centre  
A unique blend of Australian and Japanese drumming.



**Festival Opening and Dinner**  
Hosted by the 2019 Youth Ambassadors  
6pm | Cowra Services Club Main Auditorium

- Official Opening
- Australian and Japanese Cultural Performances
- Music
- 3 course sit down dinner including Australian and Japanese cuisine
- Opening Ceremony
- Karaoke Semi Finalist performances

**Tickets available at Cowra Council**



**Tree Planting Ceremony**  
4pm | Brougham Park  
Official planting as a mark of respect between the people of Cowra and the Guest Nation. Mayor of Cowra, Ambassador of Japan, Youth Ambassadors and Government officials.

SATURDAY  
**16**

**Business Workshop and Networking Session**  
1.00pm | Cowra Services Club  
Cowra Business Chamber and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry meet to share business ideas and enhance local and international networks.  
**Register through the Cowra Business Chamber website.**

**Ringing of the Cowra Peace Bell**  
2.45pm  
Official ringing to herald the start of the Festival Parade and Carnival  
**Performance by Sydney Sakura Choir**



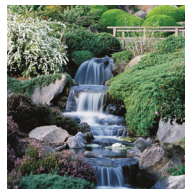
**Cowra Festival of International Understanding Parade**  
3pm

- Cowra Community Floats
- Japan Community Floats
- Judging in Kendal Street



**Cowra Festival of International Understanding Carnival**  
3pm – 9pm | Bryant Park  
Entertainment, activities, stalls and displays. Full stage program and a list of interactive activities listed on this page.

SUNDAY  
**17**



**Cowra Japanese Garden**  
Kumiai Ryu Martial Arts Demonstration and introductory lesson  
10am – 12pm  
Gold Coin donation entry to the Gardens during this time.

**Film Festival**  
11am, 2pm, 4.30pm  
Cowra Civic Centre  
Something for people of all ages. See page 3 for film details and screening information.

# Carnival Program

## SATURDAY ON THE MAIN STAGE

Welcome

**3.30 PM** Welcome to Country  
National Anthems  
Karaoke Competition finals part 1  
Sydney Sakura Choir

**4.00 PM** Wadaiko Rindo Taiko Drumming  
Ren Yano Calligraphy performance  
Hitchiriki performance by Yukihiko Doi  
Karaoke Competition finals Part 2

**5.00 PM** Kumiai Ryu Demonstration  
Cowra Town Band

**6.00 PM** Rotary Duck Race (on the river)

Official Welcome

**6.30 PM** Winner Presentations: Youth and Mini Karaoke, Duck Race, Parade  
Cowra Ballet  
Japanese Traditional Dance performance by Junko Hirabayashi  
Karaoke Competition finals part 3

**7.00 PM** Fashion Parade Part 1 – Traditional Japanese Fashion  
Sydney Kimono Club  
Cowra Vocal Ensemble  
Wadaiko Rindo Taiko Drumming Group  
Sydney Kyudo Club Demonstration  
Fashion Parade Part 2 – Modern Japanese Fashion

**8.00 PM** Karaoke Competition Finals Part 4  
Winner presentation  
Fireworks Display

**9.00 PM** Close

## BRYANT PARK 3PM–9PM

### ACTIVITY SESSIONS

Come along and learn new skills!

Taiko Drumming with Wadaiko Rindo

Hand drumming and Ukelele

Sydney Kimono Club Demonstrations

Origami and Metalsmithing  
with Yoshito Iko

Tea Ceremony

Martial Arts with Kumiai Ryu

Japanese Traditional dance  
with Junko Hirabayashi

Sydney Kyudo Club Japanese Kyudo  
(Bow and arrow)

Calligraphy workshop with Ren Yano

Wrestling demonstrations  
by Central West IWC

### STALLS AND DISPLAYS

Japanese Government  
Japanese arts and crafts  
Japanese National Tourist Organisation  
Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR)  
Jewellery  
Slushies  
Lions BBQ  
Fairy Floss  
Japanese BBQ  
Korean BBQ  
Ice Creams  
Tea Ceremony and Japanese Tea  
Kimono display  
JETRO  
Central Japan Railway Company  
Cowra Rugby League Bar  
Japan Airlines  
Turkish Gozleme  
Tanka Poetry  
Photo booth  
Local schools, businesses and organisations