



# **MATSURI JAPAN FESTIVAL VENUE GUIDE**









# JAPAN CULTURAL WORKSHOP





Step into the Japan Cultural Workshop booth and experience time-honoured games and culture from Land of the Rising Sun. Workshop activities will be in small groups, so you can ask as many questions as you want!

The Consulate-General of Japan and the Japan club of Sydney present hands-on workshops. At the Japan Cultural Workshop booth you have a chance to try the traditional Japanese arts of origami (paper folding), and Shuji (calligraphy), as well as the traditional game of Shogi (Japanese chess). The booth will also showcase ikebana floral arrangements and tea ceremony for visitors to enjoy, and teachers of the art will demonstrate their techniques and explain some of its profound concepts. Trv it!

## Ikebana:

Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arrangement, also known as Kado. More than simply putting flowers in a container ikehana is a disciplined art form in which nature and humanity are brought together.

Fold brightly-coloured sheets of special origami paper to create animals, everyday gadgets and other shapes. A single sheet of square paper can assume a variety of guises, in both two and three dimensions. It's all enough to amuse young and old for hours - come in and try it for yourself!

#### Calligraphy:

Beautiful calligraphy has long been considered a virtue in Japan, and children are taught how to write characters using a brush and ink as part of their school education. Japanese calligraphy sets itself apart with exquisite strokes incomparable to those of a pen, and is close to the hearts of Japanese people from all generations. Participate and make some marks of your own!

#### **Tea Ceremony:**

The Japanese Tea Ceremony is a sophisticated, time-honoured tradition in which green tea and Japanese sweets are served in accordance with various rules. Known as 'Chado.' it has been a part of Japanese culture since the 16th century. Enjoy this unique experience.

#### Shogi:

Shogi (Japanese chess) is a board game played by two players. The object of the game is to capture the opponent's King. It is very similar to Chess in some respects, differing from it mainly by allowing players to keep captured pieces and replay them as their own. Shogi is played on a nine-by-nine board.



#### Time Table

11:30 - 13:30 (Tea Ceremony) 13:30 - 15:30 (Ikebana)

15:30 - 17:30 (Shuji - calligraphy)

17:30 - 19:30 (Origami, Shogi)

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# **FOOD STALLS**





#### THANKS FOODS Map F1

If you're wanting to try out as many different Japanese foods, the Thanks Foods stall is the place to visit! From Okonomiyaki (Japanese pancake) to fried chicken, Takoyaki and steamed rice, they will be providing an abundance of Japanese finger foods!

#### LUCKY MART Map F2

The Lucky Mart stall will be showcasing various facets of the Japanese traditional culture. You will find traditional Japanese snacks as well as ice candy and soft drinks, it's definitely worth stopping by!

#### SYDNEY OKINAWAN CLUB Map F3

Enjoy the tropical and delicious Okinawan food at the Sydney Okinawan Club stall! You'll find Okinawan pancake and various Okinawan and Japanese foods, as well as beautiful coffee jelly and more!

## MATCHA MATCHA X OISHI JAPAN Map F4

You can enjoy Matcha (Japanese green tea) drink and Matcha with syrup drink. You will get Japanese cuisine receipt book.

#### YAKISOBA, MISOKATSU Map F5

Get into the Japanese festival spirit with Momiji's Yakisoba (fried noodles), Fishcakes and Miso chicken katsu. They'll also be providing various soft drinks too, all at a great price! Enjoy the festival through their delicious food.

#### SUSHI SAMURAI Map F6

At the Sushi Samurai stall, you'll find a huge variety of Japanese festival foods, you might need a while to decide what to have! There will be Karaage (deep fried chicken), cream croquette and snow cone.

#### **BAODAO TAIWANESE KITCHEN Map F7**

The Baodao Taiwanese Kitchen is committed to providing the 'real thing' when it comes to Asian food. Head over to their stall for some authentic Asian style pancakes - it will definitely satisfy your apatite!

#### COLOTAKO Map F8

You'll find a delicious Japanese festival food staple, Taokoyaki at the Colotako stall! Takoyaki are cooked flour based balls that have Octopus inside with sauce and topping, but Colotako even have Prawn and Crab for variety! Be sure to try their original drink Supalemo too.

#### TALL GRASS CANE JUICE Map F9

Quench your thirst with Tall Grass Cane Juice's Sugarcane Juice. This healthy drink is perfect for keeping you hydrated on a hot summer's day. You can enjoy it with a splash of lemon, lime or ginger for some extra zing!

#### FUJIYAMA Map F10

At the Fujiyama stall, you'll enjoy Chicken katsu curry and Karaage (deep fried chicken). They'll also provide various soft drinks.

#### MASUYA SUISAN Map F11

Do you want Sushi? Come to Masuya Suisan stall, you'll enjoy Sushi Box as well as Yakitori (grilled chicken skewered) and Yakisoba (fried noodles). Please try it.

#### NAGISA GYOZA BAR Map F12

Please try delicious Japanese Gyoza dumpling (5pc) at Nagisa Gyoza Bar. There will be available various soft drinks.

#### MARUYU SUPERMARKET Map F13

Maruyu is a fantastic Japanese supermarket right from the city, and at their stall you'll find yummy snacks, drinks as well as Green tea Ice cream, Jumbo Hot Dog and Japanese Ice block. To stay full, hydrated and cool during the festival, visit the Maruyu stall.

#### KYANDI SUSHI Map F14

You will find lovely sushi candy! at Kyandi Sushi. It's extremely kawaii creation and yummy!

#### ORION BEER Map L1

In Japan during summer having an ice cold glass of beer in a beer garden is a much loved summer activity. Experience this joy by sitting back and relaxing at our beer garden with a delicious Okinawan beer by Orion Beer.

#### SHIRATAKI SAKE BREWERY Map L2

Shirataki founder Minatoya Tosuke embarked on sake production in 1855 using pristine meltwater in the lowlands of Echigo Yuzawa. Lying in the foothills of a mountain range linking Kanto (Tokyo) with the Sea of Japan side, the area flourished with inns offering travelers the treat of a hotspring bath. Sake brewed at Shirataki healed the fatigue of countless visitors and gained a following as early as then.

#### CHOYA Map L3

CHOYA, Japanese fruit liqueur, has just launched new Ready To-Drink 'CHOYA Soda' which has been familiar to the Japanese as 'ウメッシュ' more than 20 years in Japan. Please enjoy fizzy bubbles and tartness of ume fruit in one sip!

# LIUUM STALLS

## PICKY GIFTY & THE SAKECREW Map L4

What better way to cool down on hot summer's day than to try one of our frozen sake in a can from beautiful Okayama Prefecture which will be served up by our friendly sake crew. You can also sample a range of unique local brew or "Jizake" from Prefectures including Kyoto, Shiga, Aichi and Kumamoto. You will also be amazed by Koshu wines which is made in picturesque Yamanashi Prefecture which lies at the foothills of Mount Fuji. The unique taste will greatly impress you as it is based on Japanese origin and produced with fresh, grown grapes. These products are from six different wineries and have just touched down in Australia for the first time. Please share your opinion of Koshu wines by completing a questionnaire when you visit us. To compliment these drinks we recommend that you try some of our delicious Australian nibbles including the famous crunchy cheese & macadamia nuts or Asian-style kangaroo

\*Please note that these beverages contain alcohol and are strictly for adults (18+).



# **EXHIBITION MARQUEES**





#### JAPAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CENTRE Map D1

Want to know more about Japan? Considering a Japanese holiday? The Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR Sydney) booth will help with the questions you have about Japan, and will give you fantastic info about Japan's many regions and off-the-track travellers' gems. Hailing from every corner of Japan, our staff know the best places to go and explore the real unexplored regions of the Land of the Rising Sun. Representatives from Ishikawa, Okinawa and Kyushu will be inining us!

#### Visit Japan / JNTO Map D2

Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) is the government body which promotes tourism to Japan. Our office is based in Sydney. Come say 'Konnichiwa!' and meet face-to-face with the Japan travel experts. We'll provide free travel consultations, maps and brochures at our booth, to help you plan your next trip to Japan.

#### INSIDEJAPAN TOURS Map D3

InsideJapan Tours is an award winning Tour Operator focused solely on Japan, offering culturally rich and highly original Small Group Tour and fully tailored Self Guided Adventure packages for any budget. Our Consultants are all passionate Japan experts, offering unmatched insight, unrivalled advice and support for you travel.

#### CITY OF NAGOYA, JAPAN Map D4

Sydney and Nagoya have been in a sister city relationship for 36years. Nagoya is an important city located in the center of Japan, boasting a population of over 2.30 million citizens. Nagoya is a city that breathes history and culture, represented by the Nagoya Castle, Atsuta Shrine, and traditional crafts like Arimatsu-Narumi tye-dying. These traditions continue into the present with Nagoya's advanced aerospace and robot development industries. In Nagoya, you can enjoy Nagoya's local cuisine with miso pork cutlets, tebasaki chicken wings and more. We'd like to show you the many charms of Nagoya here at this booth!

#### FUKUSHIMA Map D5

Have fun skiing in Aizu area! Fukushima prefecture's stunning ski resorts can be enjoyed by customers from abroad at an amazing discounted price. Visit our booth for more information! At our booth, you can meet samurai and buy local products including pottery, lacquerware and other traditional crafts.

#### ANA Map D6

The 5-Star Airline for Smooth Direct Travel from Australia to Japan, ANA has a daily direct flight from Sydney to Tokyo (Haneda) to take you from the scorching summer heat to a wintry wonderland. As the only 5-star airline in Japan, ANA's expansive domestic network also smoothly connects you to more than 40 destinations across the country from Tokyo, so you can see Japan in all its winter glory!

#### MACHIYA RESIDENCE INN Map D7

Machiya Residence Inn is a self-catering holiday accommodation service that offers guests a unique experience in Japan. Guests are able to rent out an entire "Machiya" (Traditional Japanese townhouse), which have been carefully preserved to maintain the traditional nature of each house, while simultaneously meeting the modern needs of our guests. We offer a number of different machiya houses (currently in Kyoto & Kanazawa) found within the city center & near popular sightseeing areas. Through the preservation of these beautiful and historical buildings, we hope to communicate Japan's traditional culture to a greater audience both domestically and internationally.

#### THE SAMURAI Map D8

Do you know the television program "THE SAMURAI" that caused a ninja boom in Australia in the 1960's? At this booth, we will distribute a guidebook containing plenty of valuable images of those days and screen videos. You can also experience throwing a shuriken after becoming a ninja! From children, please come and visit everyone who was absorbed and watched from a young age.

# TOKYO SKYTREE ® / TOBU GROUP Map D9

TOKYO SKYTREE is the tallest tower in the world! The tower is now the new symbol of Tokyo and the perfect place to enjoy Tokyo with stunning view. And our TOBU Group operates hotels, theme parks and more! Tobu Railway will take you to the famous sightseeing spots such as TOKYO SKYTREE, Nikko, Kinugawa, Kawagoe.

Your next journey will be here in Japan!

#### AIRPORT LIMOUSINE BUS Map D10

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to get to and from Airport. Our fully air-conditioned, huge baggage capacity coaches make for Tokyo's smoothest and most scenic bus rides, providing convenient access to major hotels, terminals in Tokyo and Yokohama.

#### JAPAN AIRLINES Map D11

JAPAN AIRLINES operates 54 international routes and to over 305 destinations including code sharing. JAL is a world leader in on time performance and was named by Flightstats as the world's most punctual airline in the major international airline and Asia Pacific major airline categories for 2015. Why not try JAL's Sky Wider Economy Class seat, which won "Best Economy Class Airline Seat" at the Skytrax 2015 World Airline Awards.

## UNIVERSAL STUDIOS JAPAN® Map D12

Have a magical time at the Universal Studios Japan booth today, where you'll be able to get a picture with a Harry Potter backdrop complete with robes and wands! You'll also have access to information on tours to Universal Studios Japan - a fantastic theme park with something for everybody. Don't miss out!

#### THE DECORA FACTORY Map D13

The Decora Factory stocks daily kawaii wear and Harajuku street fashion! We supply J-fash clothing, bags and accessories, for J-fash subcultures including fairy-kei, decora, lolita fashion and pastel goth. Come by and spin our traditional Garapon lottery for the chance to win a fun prize!

## WATER YO-YO FISHING Map D14

Give fishing a go at the Water YO-YOs Fishing booth! It's a super exciting activity for little kids and big kids alike!

#### JAPANESE CULTURAL WORKSHOP CONSULATE-GENERAL OF JAPAN JAPAN CLUB OF SYDNEY

There is so much fun to be at the Japanese cultural workshop booth! They will be hosting hands-on workshops on Origami (paper folding) and Japanese calligraphy, demonstration of Ikebana - flower arrangement and Japanese tea ceremony. You can even try your hand at Toy Fish Scooping, or have shop through their collection of Yukata (casual summer kimono)!

#### INFORMATION & FIRST AID 1

Need to find all about Matsuri Japan Festival? Come to Information booth. Lost-and-found as well as first-aid are available.





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# Stage Program 11:00 - 19:45

Part 1 Starts 11:00	1	Katy Phillips	Music	
	2	BABIMETAL	Music	
	3	Aozora Band	Music	
	4	Full Moon Band	Music	
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Break (11:50 - 12:00)

Part 2 Starts 12:00	1	MOSAIC Japanese Folk Dance	Dance
	2	Junko & Fera Japanese Dance	Dance
	3	Official Opening / Wadaiko Rindo Sydney	Ceremony
	4	Opening Speech	Ceremony
	5	Open the Sake Barrel	Ceremony
	6	Stage Talk Show	Show

Break (13:10 - 13:30)

	1	Kitanodai Gagaku Ensemble	Dance
Part 3 tarts 3:30	2	David Jobst	Music
	3	Wadaiko Rindo Sydney	Music
	4	Sydney Sakura Chior	Music
	5	Fukushima Samurai	Entertainment
	6	Cairns Yosakoi Dance FUN	Dance
	7	Yakkotei Shinoya	Dance
	8	Hamamatsu Hana Chochin	Entertainment
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Break (14:50 - 15:10)

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Part 4 Starts 15:10	1	Passengers of Kirishima	Dance	
	2	Sydney North Kids Cheerleading Sakura Kids	Dance	
	3	Hula Aloha Hawaiian Group	Dance	
	4	Sydney Cheerleeding Team SPRINGS	Dance	
	5	Mad Unity Dance	Dance	

Break (16:00 - 16:15)

Part 5 Starts 16:15	1	Australian Sumo Federation	Martial Arts
	2	Shinbukan Kendo	Martial Arts
	3	Kyokushin Kaikan Australia	Martial Arts
	4	Wakayagi Sawa	Dance
	5	Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu laijutsu	Martial Arts
	6	Makoto Tanaka	Music
	7	Yumeyuki	Music
	8	Play Girls	Music
	9	Yuki Hime	Music
	10	Cairns Yosakoi Dance FUN	Dance
	11	Kumamoto Castle Samurai Team	Dance

Break (18:10 - 18:45)

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Part 6 Starts 18:45	1	Shidokan Karate Australia	Martial Arts
	2	Pukichi	Music
	3	Happy Hoopy Life Entertainment - Shiho Sparkle Hooper	Entertainment
	4	3 GAGA Heads	Entertainment
	5	JCS Sydney Soran Dancing Troupe	Dance



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## Sake Talk Show -A beginner's Guide

to Sake

What is Sake? Why is it becoming so popular? How to enjoy Japan's National

Peter Gibson, International Kikisakeshi (Sommelier), and Misako Tanaka, 2016 Miss SAKE, to tell us all about Sake



#### Part 1 - 1 **Katy Phillips**

# Having started singing and

performing onstage at an early age, I am a performer who believes in putting my heart and soul into my

music. I wanted to combine my passion for Music and Japanese culture, and began to compose my own original songs in Japanese 2 years ago. It is my dream to stand on stage and bring smiles to people's faces with my songs!

#### Part 1 - 2 BABIMETAL

BABIMETAL were formed as a tribute band to the tremendously successful and world renowned Japanese

pop/metal vocal dance group
BABYMETAL. Performing 2 of BABYMETAL's mega hits, 'Karate' and 'Megitsune', today are Aki, Anh (Dancers), Yuki (Vocals) and Danny (Guitar). Don't miss this opportunity to experience BABYMETAL in Sydney!

# **Aozora Band**

We are menber of JJBA (Japan Jazz Blues Association) which is amateur music club. Todav We will play Japanese Pop song.



#### Please enioy! Part 1 - 4

#### **Full Moon Band**

Full Moon Band has been performed at Japanese Cultural events such as Matsuri in Sydney at Drling Harbour Sydney Cherry Blossom festival

in Auburn and the 1st Matsuri in Willoughby last year. The band plays Japanese Anime songs and other J-Pop music. This time, we will perform some new and traditional popular Japanese "Anison" (Anime songs).

#### MOSAIC

Japanese folk dance group belongs to multi cultural centre of Willoughby council and has been practicing the dance every Friday at MOSAIC

of the centre. Leader of the group is Ms Kay Tang, and many of her creative dances are included in the group's repertory. In addition to the regular practicing the group participates dancing in events in the metropolitan various area on request. Should anyone be interested to join the group, please come to the MOSAIC (12 Brown Street, Chatswood) and have a look of the practicing. (Practicing time: 10.00 to 12.00 exclude School holidays)

#### Junko & Fera

Junko and Fera perform Japanese traditional dance known as Fujima style, which is one of the most renowned dance styles that has deep

connections with Kabuki, Japanese traditional theatre. Junko (left) is from Japan and Fera (right) is from Indonesia. They learn the dance unde the direction of Yoke Chin Kham in Sydney. They regularly perform for charity and community events and private functions. They will dance three short pieces for the Matsuri.

Official Opening / Wadaiko Rindo Sydney

# Part 2 - 4

# **Opening Speech**

#### Part 2 - 5

Open the Sake Barrel



Sake Talk Show



#### Kitanodai Gagaku Ensemble

The Kitanodai Gagaku Ensemble is a not-for-profit organization established in Chiba, Japan and its objective is to promote



international cultural exchanges and to educate and raise the aesthetic sensibilities of young people through gagaku, a classical Japanese art form with a rich, thousand-year history. The Ensemble has performed many concerts at the commemorative friendship events hosted by the government of Japan and many workshops at the academic institutions overseas. In Japan, it has been holding concerts at various venues and also workshops to introduce gagaku to elementary and junior high schools in Chiba under the program organized by the Chiba Prefectural Government.

#### Karyobin, Dance

On a day when a memorial service was held at a temple, karyobin, spiritual birds' inhabitants of the Pure Earth of Happiness came flying. This image was choreographed for dance music by Myo On Ten, the goddess of the music in Buddhism. Karyobin is played by four dancers wearing crowns and wings on their backs. They jump and clap their dobyoshi (two circular cymbals made of copper) in their hands. The sounds of the dobyoshi simulate the cry of these birds

## Part 3 - 2

#### **David Jobst**

David Jobst began playing shakuhachi in 1993. He first studied with shakuhachi maker David Brown in Melbourne before moving to the Blue



Mountains near Sydney to study with Grand-Master Riley Lee. In 2009 David began studies at The Sydney Conservatorium of Music, Sydney University, under the guidance of Grand-Master Riley Lee, where he received his Graduate Diploma in Music (Performance), passing with Distinction and receiving a Henderson Scholarship. He then travelled to Japan and studied intensively for six months with Kaoru Kakizakai Sensei. After arriving back in Australia David returned to study at The Sydney Conservatorium of Music and completed his Master of Music Studies (Performance) Degree graduating with Distinction

#### Part 3 - 3

#### Wadaiko Rindo Sydney

Wadaiko Rindo Sydney is the sister group of Japanese drumming ensemble called "Wadaiko Rindo" Melhourne



The team was established by the Master Toshi Sakamoto in 1996, who currently teaches more than 130 students in Melhourne, and travels interstates and overseas for performances. Wadiko Rindo Sydney formed in 2009 has been performing at festivals in local cities including Annual Japanese Festival "Matsuri in Sydney" at Darling Harbour, Cherry blossom Festival in Auburn and Annual Koi Festival in Fairfield. They also perform at corporate functions in Sydney. Wadaiko Rindo Sydney is always delighted to participate in various events. wishing to share their deep energetic sound of Taiko drums with many audiences.

#### Part 3 - 4

## **Sydney Sakura Chior**

Established in April 2014 in Sydney as a choir group with repertoire of mainly Japanese songs which are sang in Japanese.Also we



perform in different languages, most recently we sang Beethoven Symphony No9 in German with Strathfield Symphony Orchestra. The choir members are made up of both experienced and novice performers. The group is conducted by Mr Sadaharu Muramatsu.

#### Fukushima Samurai

Join our samurai re-enactment by high school students from Fukushima. In the Soma district of Fukushima, a festive samurai event has been held



since ancient times. We are going to showcase our traditional samurai performances with real costumes. This is rare opportunity, unleash your spirit of Samurai!



#### Cairns Yosakoi FUN

Hi everyone, we are the Japanese Yosakoi Dance Team, called 'FUN'. We are based in Far North Queensland Cairns. 'FUN' is established 2 years ago, since



then we have lots of opportunities to perform at schools, nursing homes, cultural events and more! We were also runners up in the Cairns Festival Grand Parade in 2015 & 2016. Our team motto is 'Working hard for having 'FUN'. We are so glad to be able to perform at Matsuri Japan Festival. We wish our dance will bring the all audience and our hearts together!!!

#### Yakkotei Shinoya

'Yakkotei Shinoya (Yakko)' I'm a Japanese classical dancer and a teacher in Japan. I'm a member of Japanese Classical Dance Association, My main



perform are at theater and I was performing at 'Shitamachi Tanabata Matsuri Festival,' in Tokyo, and also in some hostels for tourists that come from overseas. So, today I'm going to perform a new style with my friends. 'Yakkotei' that means 'Everyone are welcome,' and means I want to invite who are interesting to learn and who want to try easily my style. I want to continue 'Yakkotei' in my whole life. And now is my pleasure to be here. Thank you to give me this beautiful opportunity. Thank you to my friends, all staff, my family and who are coming to 'Matsuri' today. Is really important for me. 'Hey guys Let's dance. it's a show time.

#### Hamamatsu Hana Chouchin

We, "Hamamatsu Hana Chouchin" is one of the traditional Japanese street



music performing groups called "CHINDON-YA". In Japan, these groups have been performed for local events such as opening event for local shops from long time ago. Our performance is mixture of Japanese and Western traditional instruments, and our costume is also the mixture of Japanese and western style. It is very happy and funny performance. The performance always makes people smile and leaves them happy feelings. This "Hamamatsu Hana Chouchin" was launched by our ex-leader, the late Mr Junkichi Fujita in 2005. He started performance with his family and friends. We mainly perform at local kindergartens, nursing homes and local festivals. Also, we have been performing for Japan Week every year since 2010. We visited Portugal, Germany, Spain, Poland and Switzerland to make people happy with our CHINDON performance. Unfortunately, our ex-leader Mr Fujita was not able to join the tour last year since he passed away because of cancer last December. This "MATSURI Japan Festival" is in December, the first death anniversary of our ex-leader, Mr Fujita. To show our respect to Mr Fujita, our friend from Kobe, "Ohana-Chan" and "Yume Chindon Oigawa" member is here in Sydney today to perform with us. Please enjoy our CHINDON performance!

# Passengers of Kirishima

Passengers of Kirishima is a dance group formed from the members of the eldest class in JCS Japanese School. This



dance was choreographed and rearranged by Riku Yamada, a student from the class. Today they are gonna perform to "Everybody Watch Out 2016", a rearranged track created by Riku from AAA and Daice, two Japanese pop groups





Pennant hills. Our Team activity has been running for 5 years. Our members are aged 3-12 years old and we always welcome new members!Most of our kids start as beginners and learn not only dancing but also develop physical strength, how to cheer people, teams, friends, family and themselves. This can help improve kid's self-confidence and leadership skill. Hope you enjoy our cheerful performance! Let's have fun together!

#### Hula Aloha **Hawaiian Group**

The Hula Aloha Hawaiian Group is a women's dance group aged between 23 to 89. We meet every second Tuesday to learn



Hawaiian dance. Not only sociable and enjoyable for us but it also promotes good health and happiness through exercise.

# Sydney Cheerleading Team "Springs"

Sydney Cheerleading Team "Springs" was started last year and we have formed our cheerleading team that aim to



express our gratitude, to understand the importance of greeting, courtesy, teamwork, and to respect the individual personality. Through our performance, we would like to cheer you up, encourage you, and make you and Sydney smile

# **Mad Unity Dance**

Mad Unity Dance is comprised of NAO, the frontman for one of Sydney's most respected dance crews. Dilated NU. and his



#### The Australian Sumo Federation

The Australian Sumo Federation was founded in 1992 and is very active in international competition. Amateur sumo is



by weight division, light, middle and heavyweights and has sections for both women and men, and junior boys and girls. Sumo is a great way to keep fit, a good form of cross training for many sports and is an exciting and enjoyable martial art.

#### Shinbukan Kendo

Kendo is a martial way and sport where competitors wearing protective armour score points against each other by striking designated body targets with



bamboo swords. The origins of kendo can be traced back to Japan's medieval period when swords were a main weapon in the samurai's arsenal.

#### Kyokushin Kaikan Australia

International Karate Organization Kyokushinkaikan is a style of stand-up,



full contact karate, founded in 1964 by Masutatsu Oyama "Kyokushin" is Japanese for "the ultimate truth." It is rooted in a philosophy of self-improvement, discipline and hard training. Its full contact style had international appeal (practitioners have over the last 40 years numbered more than 12 million).

#### Wakayagi Sawa

Wakayagi Sawa is a classical Japanese dance group formed by two sisters, Wakayagi Sawa Sui (Fumi) and Wakayagi Sawa Sumi (Masumi), and named



after their instructor Wakayagi Sawa. They have studied the Nihon Buyo Japanese style of dance in Japan since they were 3 years old, and are accredited masters of the Wakayagi school. Sawa Sui has been living in Sydney for 3 months, and her sister, Sawa Sumi, came specifically to perform in this festival. They love to promote traditional Japanese culture and usually perform classical dances. Today they have chosen a famous folk dance from Fukushima.

#### Muso Jikiden Eishin Ryu laijutsu

MJER laijutsu is a traditional Japanese martial art which has existed largely unchanged for 500 years. Whilst technically



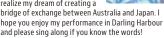
there are differences between laijutsu and laido, generally it's accurate to think of these all as the art

of drawing and cutting with the Japanese sword. laijutsu techniques usually consist of a simultaneous draw and cut, often a follow up attack, cleaning of the blade and finally sheathing of the blade. These techniques are performed very slowly compared to other martial arts, with a focus on technical correctness and timing. laijutsu embodies the spirit of Japanese Budo and culture, and represents an authentic and fulfilling path on the Martial Way, either on it's own or as a compliment to other traditional budo styles. I will give a brief introduction to MJER prior to performing some waza on the day.

#### Part 5 - 6

#### Makoto Tanaka

I've been singing Japanese folk songs and western classics since 2000 at Japanese restaurant and private parties in Sydney to realize my dream of creating a



# Part 5 - 7

#### Yumeyuki

Yumeyuki is an anisong singer and cosplayer. This year, she represented Australia to compete in the World Karaoke



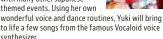
# Part 5 - 8

#### Play Girls

Work hard, play hard, we are Play Girls Play Girls! Play Girls are a rotational cover dance crew We started performing 2 years ago and have been growing ever since. If you would like to keep updated please follow us on Facebook @ https://www.facebook com/play14girls/ or Youtube @ https://www. youtube.com/PlayGirlsCrew

#### Part 5 - 9 Yuki Hime

Yuki Hime is a multitalented singer/cosplayer who has performed at SMASH! along with many other Japanese



# Cairns Yosakoi Danc FUN

#### The Kumamoto Castle Samurai Team

We, The Kumamoto Castle Samurai Team, are a group of Samurais who lived in the



Kumamoto Castle as well as Sakuranobaba Johsaien, which is situated at the hottom of the castle for all visitors to Kumamoto. We usually perform a samurai dance for visitors two times a day, but we can also travel anywhere in the world, if we need to, for introducing Kumamoto and its attractions to more people.

# Shidokan Karate Australia

# Shidokan Karate is respecting

Japanese Bushido spirits and the only the only Karate with the living Japanese master.

(Involves the use of traditional karate methods. knockdown karate techniques, kickboxing techniques and Kata techniques.) Throughout our training, we are aiming to develop healthy person in both way " physically and mentally".

# Part 6 - 2

#### Pukichi

Pukichi is one of the fingerstyle guitarists with the most diversfied style, in the acoustic guitar world in Japan.He is very sought after for concerts.



music festivals, and guitar workshops, where he blends his classical, jazz and popular instrumental arrangements to create the perfect ambience for your function. He has a noteworthy career. On the one hand he has learned how to play fingerstyle guitar from top guitarists in Japan, Isato Nakagawa, Masaaki Kishibe, but at the same time he has studied about cosmic physics in his graduate school. His emotion which goes beyond the interest in music has developed his unique creativity, which brought in many awards to him in authoritative competitions. The influential Japanese acoustic guitar magazine "Acoustic Guitar Magazine" have celebrated Pukichi as most prospective artists. His unique and highly refined playing style combines a well-developed melodic sense with a rare dynamic approach to the instrument that speaks directly to the listener.

# Happy Hoopy Life Entertainment -Shiho Sparkle Hooper

Happy Hoopy Life Entertainment's aim is to share the happiness and bring



smile to everyone. The founder Shiho Sparkle Hooper, originally from Japan, is an international performance artist traveling to many countries, even hula-hooping in Antarctica with penguins! Shiho is now based in Sydney and has performed and taught at many events such as Vivid 2013, 2014, Newtown Festival 2014, 2015, 2016, Hoopla 2014 and

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#### **3GAGA Heads**

The 3 Gaga Heads, a trio performance group, belong to the WAHAHA-HOMPO, Japanese famous comedy company Tony Atsushi (Leader), Keizo



Shogen and Par Mari Masaharu's many fantastic and outrageous performances have attracted a great deal of public attention around the world. The name Gaga means "Happy Guys" in slang. The trio formed this group in 2005 so have used this name earlier than Lady Gaga. After appearances on TV and many events we won first prize at The National Convention of Street Performance in 2010, We were also awarded a prize at The International Association for Children And Youth Theatrical Performance in Okinawa in 2013. Most of our performances are silent which makes it possible to widen our appea to 27 countries outside of Japan including the US, UK, and more. In their signature body tights, their one-of-a-kind performance includes 'Delusion of Proliferating Body Tights', the trio's masterpiece in which they transform into various characters using the stretch body tights, and 'Straw Yabusame' which features Yabusame, a Japanese traditional archery on a running horse, using plastic straws! We were nominated for the Malcolm Hardee Award which is given to the most funky fresh and unique acts during our more than 2000 performances at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland. This being one of the 3 biggest comedy festivals in the world. Also tickets were sold out almost 23 days before the performance at Festival d'Avignon in France in 2011. In addition we were named as goodwill ambassadors with high admiration for our performance in the Republic of Benin during a tour of 6 Africa countries in 2012. Now our momentum is unstoppable!

#### Sydney Soran Dancing Troupe

Sydney Soran Dancinge Troupe started in September 2005 as a social group of the Japan Club of Sydney Inc, which is



a Japanese community organisation in Sydney Members of Sydney Soran Dancing Troupe range from 5 years old to over 70 and some members are non-Japanese background. Nanchu Soran is one of the most famous Soran dances in Japan. The dance style of Soran originates from the northern Island of Japan, Hokkaido. The dance has a lot of fisherman's movements. It is a very energetic dance so I hope you will enjoy it.

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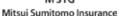




















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