

**1987 CANDERRA FESTIVAL: March 7 - 16  
HIGHLIGHTS:**

March	
7th	Esso Gala Opening Concert 7.30pm, The Lawns, Parliament House
7th/8th	ICL Recreation Expo 10am - 5pm, Commonwealth Park
7th/8th	Autumn Flower Show Saturday Noon - 5pm, Sunday 10am - 5pm, Albert Hall
7th/9th	Australian National Word Festival University House, A.N.U.
7th/15th	Canberra Times Outdoor Art Show Various day times, Commonwealth Park
7th/16th	Embassies Exhibition — "A World of Music" 9.45am - 4pm, High Court of Australia
8th	New Parliament House Site Open Day 9.00am - 4.30pm, New Parliament House
8th	AGL/2CC Raft Race 10am - 3pm, Weston Park
8th	Festival Jazz 5pm, The Lawns, Parliament House
8th	Music at Lanyon 1pm - 4pm, Lanyon Homestead, Tharwa
9th/13th	Civic Advance Bank Children's Festival 10am - 2.30pm, Commonwealth Park
9th/13th	Lunchtime Jazz Concerts Noon - 2pm, Garema Place
12th	Canberra Day Birthday Breakfast 6am - 9am, The Lawns, Parliament House
12th/13th	Beating the Retreat — 1812 Overture 7.00pm, Royal Military College, Duntroon
12th/16th	Hot Air Balloon Festival Launch from the National Library
13th/16th	Canberra Antique Fair 11am - 6pm, Albert Hall
14th	The Canberra Times Twilight Procession 5pm, City streets
14th	Festival Mardi Gras 7pm — midnight, City centre
15th	American Express National Food & Wine Frolic 10am - 6pm, Commonwealth Park
15th	Capital 7 Birdman Rally 2pm - 5pm, Regatta Point
16th	Canberra Festival Family Affair 2pm, The Lawns, Parliament House
16th	Finale Concert and Fireworks 6.30pm, The Lawns, Parliament House

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INFORMATION AND PROGRAM DETAILS,  
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## Festival Highlights

### Saturday 7, Sunday 8 March

#### Esso Gala Opening Concert

The Lawns, Parliament House, Saturday, March 7, 7.30 pm.  
Once again the Canberra Festival will officially open with a glittering evening of music under the stars. The concert will feature the Canberra Symphony orchestra and soloists in an unforgettable evening of popular classics. Bring a picnic hamper, your family and friends and settle down at what must be one of the most spectacular concert venues in Australia — the lawns of Parliament House. FREE

#### ICL Recreation Expo

Commonwealth Park, Saturday, Sunday, March 7, 8, 10 am-5 pm.

This year even more of Canberra's leisure and hobby groups will be out in force to tell you and show you about their thing. As well, there will be a packed program of entertainment including shows by the youth circus troupe, The Knack Gnats. FREE

#### AGL/2CC Raft Race

Weston Park, northeastern end, Sunday, March 8, 10.00 am.  
Rafters from Canberra and beyond will be doing battle in craft of all shapes, sizes and seaworthiness. This year everyone gets a chance to get their feet wet with the addition of a Supporters' Race after the main event. The musical entertainment on-shore and the antics off-shore will guarantee a fun-filled day for the whole family. FREE

#### Parliament House Site Open Day

New Parliament House Site, Sunday, March 8, 9 am-4.30 pm.  
Walk through the areas of Australia's new Parliament House and view the construction progress. Members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions and describe the major areas. Family \$6, Adults \$2, Children and Concession \$1. Proceeds to charity.

#### 1987 Embassies Exhibition — A World of Music

High Court of Australia, March 7-16, 9.45 am-4 pm.  
A unique exhibition of musical instrument and music paraphernalia from all corners of the globe. From ancient instruments to Beethoven's hearing aid, this show will fascinate and stimulate. To coincide with the exhibition,

there will be a series of recitals on the two weekends featuring traditional and modern instruments. All exhibits are on loan by courtesy of the Embassies of Canberra. FREE

#### National Film and Sound Archive Open Days

National Film and Sound Archive, Saturday, Sunday, March 7, 8, 9.30 am-4 pm.

On Saturday there will be a behind-the-scenes look at the technical aspects, such as preservation of film and sound recordings plus demonstrations of vintage sound equipment. On Sunday you can see a film or two from the Archives historic collection of feature films, newsreels and documentaries. FREE

#### Autumn Flower Show

Albert Hall, Saturday, Sunday, March 7, 8, Sat noon-5 pm, Sun 10 am-5 pm.

The Horticultural Society presents a magnificent exhibition of autumn flowers including roses, general flowers, floral art and the winning entries in the NSW and ACT Dahlia Championships. Adults \$2, Concessions \$1.

#### Australian National Word Festival

University House, Australian National University, Sat-Mon, March 7-9.

Australia's biennial National Word Festival will bring together writers, editors, distributors, publishers, literary agents, booksellers and the Australian public. Highlights will include a literary dinner, antiquarian bookfair, lunch with a writer, panel sessions, a young people's day and several exhibitions. Contact: 49 7068 for further details.

#### Advance Bank Children's Festival

Commonwealth Park, March 9-13, 10 am-2.30 pm.

Your day in the Park might include a visit with Brian McDonald The Bushranger, the zany antics of Death Defying Theatre, the extraordinary skills of Circus Maximus, the music of Mike Jackson, a leisurely tumble in the Fantasy Hammock or a visit to one of the many displays. This year a special program will be organised for pre-school children by the ACT Playgroup Association. Individuals of all ages may attend on any day, and admission can be purchased at the Festival office in the Park, \$3 all day, accompanying adult free.

#### Lunch . . . and All That Jazz

Garema Place, March 9-13, Noon-2 pm.

Garema Place will again be jumping at lunchtime with free jazz concerts each week day of the Festival. Forget the office blues and get down to Garema Place for some lively lunchtime entertainment. FREE

#### Beating the Retreat and 1812 Overture

The Royal Military College Duntroon, Thursday, Friday, March 12, 13, 7 pm.

The Corps of Staff Cadets and the combined Bands of the Royal Military College and the First Recruit Training Battalion will present a Ceremonial Beating of the Retreat and musical recital culminating with Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture with accompanying fireworks. Family \$5, Adults \$2, by donation. Proceeds to charity.

#### Saturday 14, Sunday 15, Monday 16 March

#### The American Express National Food and Wine Frolic

Commonwealth Park, Sunday March 15, 10 am-6 pm.

Sample the delicacies from all corners of the globe provided by Canberra's leading restaurants, and Australia's premier wine makers will present a selection of their vintages to titillate your palate. And to accompany the festive atmosphere, the best in entertainment including jazz, rock and roll and calypso.

#### Capital 7 Birdman Rally

Regatta Point, Sunday March 15, 2 pm.

Zany Birdpersons from around the countryside will attempt to defy gravity in an afternoon of fun, spills and thrills. Not to be missed. FREE

#### Festival Family Affair

The Lawns, Parliament House, Monday March 16, 2 pm.

This family day, brought to you by Medibank Private, will offer a multitude of entertainment for all members of the family. 'Life. Be in it' will present games and entertainment with a visit by the famous Norm and Libby. At the Teddy Bear's Clinic, you can bring teddy along for a check-up. There will be a performance of Peter and the Wolf by the Canberra Youth Orchestra with guest narrator Hugh McKenzie. Dance the afternoon away at The Tea Dance in the Rose Garden featuring the Palm Court Orchestra from Sydney. FREE

#### The Canberra Times Twilight Procession

City — London Circuit, East Row, Bunda Street, Saturday, March 14, 5 pm.

The city street of the National Capital will be a flurry of entertainment and colour. There will be brass bands, clowns, musicians and a huge array of floats. FREE

#### Festival Mardi Gras

City Pedestrian Areas, Saturday March 14, 7 pm-midnight.

The Festival Mardi Gras is Canberra's fun-filled street party. A wander round might take you dancing to the music of Broadway, by courtesy of Brashes, cha-cha-ing in the Caribbean, or even foot tapping in New Orleans at the J.P. Jazz. There will be brass bands and traditional Japanese music, carnival and a multitude of exotic foods from around the world. FREE

#### Finale Concert

The Lawns, Parliament House, Monday March 16, 6.30 pm.

This year the finale to the Festival takes on a new look — the spectacular Canberra Concert. The Canberra City Band will provide the focus for this one and a half hours of family entertainment. Bring a picnic hamper and enjoy the concert. FREE

#### Fireworks Spectacular

The Lawns, Parliament House, Monday, March 16, 8 pm.

Canberrans are in for a very special treat with a fireworks spectacular brought all the way from China, by courtesy of the Government of the People's Republic of China. FREE

#### Canberra Antique Fair

The Albert Hall, Friday 13 - Monday 16, 11 am-6 pm.

The tradition continues of presenting an antique fair of the highest quality. The majority of exhibits are for sale and will range from furniture to objets d'art, with something to suit every budget. Adults \$3, Pensioners, students \$1, Children 50¢.

#### Canberra Hot-Air Balloon Festival

Launch from grounds of National Library, Thursday 12 - Monday 16, dawn, late afternoon.

The skies of Canberra will be graced by the awesome beauty of a flotilla of hot-air balloons. Weather permitting the balloons will fly each morning and afternoon. For a once-in-a-lifetime experience, contact the Canberra Tourist Bureau and book your champagne flight.



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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1987

### THE ZANY AGL/2CC RAFT RACE WHERE ALMOST ANYTHING GOES

Weston Park on Sunday 8 March, will once again be inundated with rafts of all shapes and sizes as the increasingly popular AGL/2CC Raft Race gets underway!

There are three major categories of entry into the Raft Race. The Australia II Class will see the super rafts from interstate and Canberra. The Liberty Open and Oar Class, and the Huck Finn group see rafts made from almost anything! The Raft Race is one of the zaniest events of the Festival and always promises lots of thrills and spills.

This year's event will also feature entertainment on-shore from 11.00am to 2.00pm including J.B. and the Jazzmen, Circus Maximus, Death Defying Theatre, Humbolt the Clown and the Festival's very own clown, Burley! The AGL Helicopter will also be there.

There promises to be a great morning's entertainment both on and off shore.

The Raft Race is sponsored by AGL Canberra and Stereo 2CC.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1987

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### THOUSANDS ENJOY COMMONWEALTH PARK

Canberra's famous smorgasbord of fine food and wine will be held again this year as a highlight of the annual Canberra Festival.

The American Express National Food & Wine Frolic is again presented with the continuing support of American Express in association with The Canberra Times.

The American Express National Food & Wine Frolic is now established as one of the most successful events of its kind in Australia and attracts a crowd estimated to be in excess of 100,000 people.

Twenty-six of Canberra's finest restaurants and many wineries from throughout Australia are represented on the day offering some 100 different menu items and a similar number of vintage wines.

A full day of entertainment is provided, which this year will include Graeme Bell and the Allstars, the colourful Caribbean Carnival, the outrageously entertaining Zippety Do Dah and the Australian superstar Jon English. There will also be two brass band stages, special entertainment for the children and roving entertainers. A feature of this year's program will be two performances by the visiting French mime group "La Clow Kompanie".

Serves and samplings are purchased by special coupons which can be obtained in advance from all Canberra Building Society Saving Centres, Civic Advance Bank outlets at The Canberra Times and American Express. Coupons can also be obtained on the day from the CBS coupon marquee.

The Frolic attracts many visitors from throughout NSW and Victoria for this most entertaining day in the Park. So for those only planning one trip to Canberra this year, this is the time to come and join with Canberrans in enjoying the festival activities.

Further information on the 1987 Canberra Festival activities can be obtained from the Canberra Tourist Bureau, the Canberra Festival or regional tourism offices.

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