



G'DAY and welcome to G'DAY VANCOUVER: Australia Week 2008, the largest single-destination promotion of its kind in Canada. From 3-6 April 2008 downtown Vancouver will play host to the Australia.com/OzFlix Film Weekend, the Macquarie Penfolds Wild Tasmania Gala, an Aussie Travel Expo and the Surf's Up! Sydney Foam Party all launching a three-month long exhibition Planet Oz: Walk on Australia's Wild side at Vancouver's Science World. Come along and experience Australia first-hand during Australia Week 2008. You can research your next vacation, sample Aussie food and wine and enjoy Australian Aboriginal dance and culture. **Visit australiaweek.ca for more details.**

SCHEDULE DAY 1 Thursday, 3 April	SCHEDULE DAY 2 Friday, 4 April	SCHEDULE DAY 3 Saturday, 5 April	SCHEDULE DAY 4 Sunday, 6 April
<p>AEI XSTRATA OPENING RECEPTION G'Day Vancouver Opening Reception, 6:00 pm-9:00 pm [Science World] 1455 Quebec Street, Vancouver BC V6A 3Z7 T: 1. 604.443.7443</p> <p>Join us for the official launch of G'Day Vancouver: Australia Week 2008 and the official opening of Planet Oz: Walk on Australia's Wild Side Exhibition at Science World. Guests will enjoy wines from Rosemount Estates, Wolf Blass and Lindemans, while they enjoy a private tour of the Australian Exhibition and have the opportunity to watch the Australia Week premiere of the IMAX film 'Australia: Land Beyond Time' on Science World's massive IMAX screen.</p> <p>SURF'S UP! SYDNEY FOAM PARTY 9:00 pm-close [Celebrities Nightclub] 1022 Davie Street, Vancouver BC V6E 1M3 T: 1. 604.681.6180</p> <p>Get wet and wild at the Surf's Up! Sydney Foam Party presented by Xtra West. The event will bring Sydney's world famous gay party scene to Vancouver with a 'swim up' bar, sexy Australian Surf Lifeguards (on hand to apply sunscreen and hand out towels as the party heats up), and foam, foam, and more foam! Enjoy the beach party and prepare to get wet as you dance the night away with Aussie Diva Courtney Act and listen to renowned Sydney DJ Jayson Forbes. Guests will have the chance to win a trip for two to Sydney, Australia.</p> <p>PLANET OZ: WALK ON AUSTRALIA'S WILD SIDE M-F 10:00 am-5:00 pm, S-S 10:00 am-6:00 pm [Science World] 1455 Quebec Street, Vancouver BC V6A 3Z7 T: 1.604.443.7443</p> <p>Come and learn about some of Australia's amazing and unique wildlife at Planet Oz – Walk on Australia's Wild Side being held at Science World in Vancouver. You'll be able to walk through different Australian ecosystems and learn how some of the world's most amazing creatures adapted to their natural environment, what they eat, how they live and how they continue to survive today. From cute and cuddly koalas from Queensland and wallabies from South Australia's Kangaroo Island to the carnivorous Tasmanian Devil, the laughing kookaburra, Victoria's little penguins and the marine life of the Great Barrier Reef – you'll feel just like you're in Australia as you take a walk on Australia's Wild Side</p>	<p>PENFOLDS MACQUARIE WILD TASMANIA GALA 6:00 pm-11:00 pm [Pan Pacific Hotel] 300-999 Canada Place, Vancouver BC V6C 3B5 T: 1.604.662.8111</p> <p>Themed around Australia's Tasmanian Wilderness and unique natural environment, Penfolds Macquarie Wild Tasmania Gala promises to be a fantastic opportunity to fully immerse yourself in Australia's natural environment and its world class cuisine. Guests will enjoy Penfolds premium wines with their meal to be prepared by internationally-acclaimed Australian Aboriginal chef Mark Olive. A keynote address will be delivered by eminent Australian environmentalist and 2007 Australian of the Year, Professor Tim Flannery.</p> <p>AUSTRALIA.COM/OZFLIX FILM WEEKEND Friday 4-Sunday 6 April, All Day. Refer schedule for times [Pacific Cinémathèque] Administration Office, 200-1131 Howe St Vancouver, BC V6Z 2L7 T: 1.604.688.3456</p> <p>Music Films - Silverchair: Diorama; Crowded House: Woodface; and Hip Hop Doc Words From the City. For the second year, Pacific Cinémathèque is very pleased to join with Tourism Australia, the Australian High Commission, and the Australian Consulate to present Australia.com OzFlix: Australian Film Weekend in Vancouver. This special three-day celebration showcases some of 'Down Under's' very best new features, documentaries and shorts. All are Vancouver Premieres at the Pacific Cinémathèque, 1181 Howe Street.</p> <p>PLANET OZ: WALK ON AUSTRALIA'S WILD SIDE M-F 10:00 am-5:00 pm, S-S 10:00 am-6:00 pm, [Science World]</p>	<p>AUSSIE TRAVEL EXPO Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 April 10:00 am-6:00 pm, main area, level 2, [Science World] 1455 Quebec Street, Vancouver BC V6A 3Z7 T: 1. 604.443.7443</p> <p>Come along and begin planning your next trip to Australia. On hand will be Australian travel experts who will happily answer your questions while the kids enjoy the Planet Oz exhibition, live performances by Australian Aboriginal Dancers and 'Australia: Land beyond time' an IMAX film featuring Australia's unique wildlife. Travel Seminars will be held on Tasmania, South Australia, Melbourne, Sydney, Queensland and Australian journeys.</p> <p>THE ART OF WINE 6:00 pm-9:00 pm [Buschlen-Mowatt Galleries] Main Floor, 1445 W. Georgia Street, Vancouver BC V6G 2T3 T: 1.604.682.1234</p> <p>You're invited to come and sample some of Australia's world class wines, learn about different wine regions, grape varieties and vintage, as well as the the best ways to enjoy your Aussie wines. Australians are well known for their innovation in wine-making and at The Art of Wine you can taste why. The wines on show will challenge your perception of what is typically Australian and you will leave knowing a new aspect of this vast wine producing country. So join Wine Australia, Tourism Australia and The Australian High Commission at the elegant Buschlen Mowatt Art Gallery for a fabulous glass of wine from Down Under. Canapés will be served but we recommend that you eat before the event. Drink Responsibly.</p> <p>AUSTRALIA.COM/OZFLIX FILM WEEKEND Friday 4-Sunday 6 April, All Day. 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