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## **OVER 120,000 EXPECTED TO JOIN LUNAR FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS ACROSS MELBOURNE'S WEST**

The Lunar New Year is one of the most celebrated calendar events for communities across Asia and around the globe. Melbourne's West will welcome the Year of the Horse in spectacular style, with festivals, performances, food, and fireworks attracting tens of thousands of attendees. The region's celebrations showcase the rich cultural diversity of Melbourne's West, highlighting the vibrant multicultural communities that make the area so unique.

Kicking off the season, the St Albans Lunar Festival, Melbourne's largest and longest-running Lunar New Year event, returns on Sunday 18 January. First held in 1998, this iconic celebration brings the streets alive with colour, setting the tone for an exciting series of free festivities across the West.

### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** Sunday, 18 January
- **Time:** 10am - 10pm
- **Location:** Alfrieda Street, St Albans

### **Festival Highlights:**

- **Live Entertainment:** Traditional lion and dragon dances, cultural performances, live music, and shows by local and emerging artists throughout the day.
- **Food & Market Stalls:** A wide variety of street food, market stalls, carnival rides, and activities for all ages, celebrating St Albans' community spirit.
- **Fireworks Finale:** The festival ends with its signature fireworks display at 9.30pm, lighting up the night sky.

## Getting There:

- **Public Transport:** St Albans Railway Station is conveniently located across the road from the festival, providing easy access to Melbourne's largest Lunar New Year event.

Discover more about the [St Albans Lunar New Year Festival](#).

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## LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES ACROSS MELBOURNE'S WEST

### East Meets West Lunar New Year Festival 2026

The East Meets West Lunar New Year Festival is the centrepiece of Vietnamese cultural life in Footscray. Celebrated for 36 years, it recognises the importance of Lunar New Year for Chinese, Thai, Cambodian, Lao, and other Australian-Asian communities, with live music, dance, Lion and Dragon Dances, and family activities.

**Date:** Sunday, 25 January 2026

**Time:** 11am - 9pm

**Location:** Byron Plaza, Leeds and Ryan Streets, Footscray

**Social handles:** @Maribyrnong @FootscrayAsianBusinessAssociation@lovewestsidemelbourne  
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### Lunar New Year 2026 in Williamstown

Celebrate the Lunar New Year with a vibrant multicultural program led by guzheng artist QiQi. Enjoy free live music, Chinese opera, dance performances, and a special visit from the God of Wealth. Suitable for all ages.

**Date:** Saturday, 31 January 2026

**Time:** 12pm - 3pm

**Location:** Commonwealth Reserve, Nelson Place, Williamstown, 3016

**Social Handles:** @creativecityhobsonbay @qiqimusic #experiencehobsonsbay  
@lovewestsidemelbourne #lovewestside

### Sunshine Lunar New Year Festival 2026

A free family-friendly celebration in one of Australia's most diverse neighbourhoods. Streets come alive with Diana Nguyen, a celebrated Vietnamese-Australian MC, singer, and cultural ambassador, performing, handing out lucky red pockets, and MCing the Fastest Pho and Fastest Burger Eating Challenges. Enjoy live music, dance performances, Lion and Dragon Dances, rides, street performers, food stalls, and family workshops.

**Date:** Sunday, 8 February 2026

**Time:** 12pm - 10pm

**Location:** Hampshire Road, Sunshine

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@lovewestsidemelbourne #lovewestsidemelbourne

### Quang Minh Tet Festival 2026

Held on the grounds of Quang Minh Buddhist Temple, this annual festival draws the community to celebrate Lunar New Year's Eve with cultural performances, firecrackers, displays, vegetarian food, rides, chanting, and a midnight fireworks finale.

**Date:** Monday, 16 February 2026

**Time:** 6pm - 1am

**Location:** Quang Minh Temple, 18 Burke Street, Braybrook

**Social Handles:** @Maribyrnong @quangminhtemplmelbourne @lovewestsidemelbourne  
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### Vietnamese TET Lunar New Year Festival 2026

The Vietnamese community's flagship Lunar New Year celebration returns to Footscray Park. Celebrating cultural contributions from Vietnamese, Chinese, Thai, Cambodian, Lao, and other Australian-Asian communities, the festival features performances, exhibits, food, fireworks, and family activities.

**Date:** Saturday, 28 February & Sunday, 1 March 2026

**Time:** 11am - 9pm

**Location:** Footscray Park - Eastern Lawn

**Social Handles:** @vcavictoria @lovewestsidemelbourne #lovewestsidemelbourne

### Wyndham Multicultural Lunar Festival 2026

Point Cook's free, family-friendly festival celebrates cultural interaction, community connection, and environmental sustainability. Featuring nearly 400 performers from more than a dozen countries, the day includes Lion and Dragon Dances, international folk dances, music, martial arts, acrobatics, magic, hands-on workshops, and a diverse multicultural market. No fireworks in 2026 for eco-friendly celebrations.

**Date:** Sunday, 1 March 2026

**Time:** 11am - 7pm

**Location:** Point Cook Town Centre.

**Social Handles:** @VisitWerribeeandSurrounds #VisitPointCook @lovewestsidemelbourne  
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From lion dances to lanterns, live music to family fun, and even a Fastest Pho Eating Challenge, Melbourne's West is bursting with colour, culture, and excitement this Lunar New Year. All events are free to attend. Follow Western Melbourne Tourism for all the latest updates: @lovewestsidemelbourne #lovewestsidemelbourne

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