Derwent Regency Festival, 28th Nov - 1st Dec 2025

Draft programme - subject to minor changes

Tickets: https://events.humanitix.com/derwentregencyfestival25
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Details:				
ACTIVITY Friday 28th November	TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	PRICE
Georgian and	5-7:30pm	Regency costume showings, exhibition, tours of Narryna house (1830s merchant house),	,	\$32
Regency Evening at		refreshments in the garden, live music, Maypole dancing, meet and greet other festival	Museum, 103 Hampden	
Narryna Heritage Museum		goers	Rd, Battery Point	
Saturday 29th				
November				
Regency Dance	11:15 for	With live period music and Dancing Master David Wanless. Learn or refresh the basics of	St James' Church Hall,	\$12/\$10
Workshop	11:30am-1:30pm	Regency dancing for the evening ball, or just have fun with some easy Regency dances.	462 Elizabeth St (off	
		No partner or dancing experience required. Note that you are welcome to attend the	Rupert Ave, enter	
		evening ball whether or not you have attended this workshop. BYO water bottle.	behind church)	
Intermediate Regency	2:20 for 2:30-	With live period music and Dancing Master David Wanless. Have fun with a variety of	St James' Church Hall,	\$12/\$10
and Georgian Dances		lively dances, some for the evening ball and some just because they're exciting dances.	(as above)	712/710
	4.50pm	No partner or dancing experience required but if you can make it to the earlier workshop		
		first that would be good. Learn a Quadrille for an informal display at the ball. BYO water	•	
		bottle.		
Jane Austen Grand	7:15 for 7:30-	Jane Austen Grand Regency Ball - dance or enjoy the spectacle.	St James' Church Hall (as	\$7-22
Regency Ball	11:30pm	Divine period music including many Tasmanian pieces, by Van Diemen's Angels (harp,	above)	
		piano, fiddle and flute).		
		Thrill to dances which Jane and her characters enjoyed and other joyful dances of the		
		Regency era. Dance a cotillon - a dance of Jane Austen's youth, a quadrille, country		
		dances including La Boulangere and the popular and vigorous Scotch Reel, so disdained		
		by Mr Darcy.		
		Dancing Master David Wanless will lead you through an evening of fun and lively dances.		
		No partner or dancing experience required, though attending the morning workshop		
		would make it even more fun. Period attire encouraged, otherwise something dashing		
		or elegant.		
		BYO water bottle and supper to share.		
Sunday 30th November				
Runnymede Garden	10:30am-4pm	A day of Regency activities, fine food and tea in the fine garden of historic Runnymede.	Runnymede, 61 Bay	\$31-81
Party		Your ticket includes delicious lunch and afternoon tea of period sweet and savoury food		, -
		and hot and cold drinks, as well as Regency country dancing, live music, Maypole		
		dancing, period games to play and a historic tour. There will also be an opportunity to		
		make a bonnet. Period attire encouraged, otherwise something dashing or elegant.		
		See detailed programme (TBC)		
After Party	E _{re}	An informal party. Includes progetaring dispersion defeatures to record and the second	Ct lamas! Charack Hall /	\$24 /not in all of all
Allei Faily	5pm	An informal party. Includes vegetarian dinner and refreshments, more music and lively dancing without much teaching. Tickets only available for weekend or Sunday ticket	above)	in weekend
		holders.	abovej	
Monday 1st December		nouers.		ticket)
Music and History	12:40 for 1-3pm	An afternoon sail on the Derwent river on the magnificent tall ship, the Lady Nelson, with	Elizabeth St Pier, Hobart	\$44/\$22 (not
Cruise on the Lady	and	refreshments, live music, shanty singing and history. Regency, formal or nautical attire	waterfront	included in
Nelson	3:10 for 3:30-	admired but not required. You will also have the opportunity to help haul on a line or		weekend ticket)
	5:30pm	two if you so wish.		senena cionety
	- - 	Allow at least half an hour extra if parking a carriage – it is hard to find a spot.		
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All ages and identities welcome.

Monday Night Folk

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Dance - Historically

Session and discounted weekend tickets are available. Entry conditions, health, safety and inclusion: folktas.org/conditionshealthsafety

Dressing up in period attire or some approximation thereof will be admired and can be lots of fun. Think "dashing" or "elegant". Most people will dress up. See https://folktas.org/but-darling-i-have-nothing-to-wear/ for easy ideas.

7:15 for 7:30pm Our regular Monday night folk dance, this time historical/chestnut Contra Dances, most St James' Church Hall,

from the 19th Century. Live music and lots of fun.

Information about finding the venues, and reducing our environmental impact in transport and at the events, is at

folktas.org/venuesenv

(as above)

\$7-15 (not

included in

weekend ticket)

We don't have any relationship with any hotels, but look for something between St James in New Town (the Saturday venue) and Narryna in Battery Point (the Friday venue). There are many buses going past St James to and from central Hobart, and Narryna is a walkable distance from the centre.

There are many other lovely things to do in Hobart and surrounds. Some places to visit with some

Regency relevance are Port Arthur, the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, the Shot Tower or simply wandering through Battery Point.

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