

## Disco Dome

*The Lost Discotheques of Parramatta*

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Take a trip through the streets, culture and history of the lost discotheques of Parramatta with *Disco Dome* - an immersive, after dark walking tour and dance event that revisits and reworks the Parramatta nightlife of 1978-1995.

Presented by **Information and Cultural Exchange (ICE)** in association with Sydney Festival, *Disco Dome* bumps its bootie and struts its stuff with pumping music, contemporary art, live performance, architectural tours and talks, community reminiscence, food, cocktails and a an old school Disco Inferno. You will Dance, Dance, Dance!

Strap on your heels and zip up your flares: for three consecutive Friday and Saturday nights during Sydney Festival (January 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 and 24) Parramatta will be Funky Town, with *Disco Dome* grooving from the twilight hour (8pm) to the midnight hour (12am).

*Disco Dome* asks you to step on out and strut your stuff to sites of the legendary discotheques and picture palaces of Parramatta - War & Peace, The Astra, The Roxy, Memories and Jays...the beat goes on...

Via funk, fun and the discos and cinemas of old, *Disco Dome* will cast its glitter eye on the times and tensions when Australia was moving from Anglo monoculture to multi-cultural haven, and the music of choice shifted from Pub Rock to Disco, R&B, Hip Hop. Nowhere was the clash of flannelette and satin, head bang and boogie more evident than at Parramatta's legendary 'War and Peace Discotheque' (1978-1986) where most nights it delivered on its name. *Disco Dome* revisits blood on the dance floor.

*Disco Dome* also brings back to life the infamous Lucky Lil's Nightclub as the venue for a range of specially commissioned film, digital, recorded/audio and performance artworks from some of Australia's leading contemporary artists: **Khaled Sabsabi, Justene Williams, David Capra, Heath Franco, Fadia Abboud, Jerome Pearce and Zehrish Naera**. Parramatta-based **Liam Benson** channels **Jane Fonda** and **Richard Simmons** when he takes over the Fitness First Health Club (the old art deco Astra Cinema site) with a participatory performance in the cardio pump room that will encourage audiences to all Get Physical.

Best of all, each night will be capped off by legendary DJ Danny K coming out of retirement to Relight The Fire, and spin a live old school disco. It will be Boogie Wonderland with supper thrown in to boot.

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*"We're absolutely stoked to present Disco Dome in Parramatta", said project curator John Kirkman. "It takes us back to a heady time of great music, incredible fashion, dancing, sex, drugs and as little Rock and Roll as possible."*

Feel the Night Fever? Do Ya Wanna Funk?

When	9 & 10 January at 8pm 16 & 17 January at 8pm 23 & 24 January at 8pm
Where	Starts at the corner of Darcy Street and Church Street Mall
Duration	4 – 4.45 hours
Price	\$89 (plus booking fee). Includes cocktails, drinks and supper.
Booking	Sydney Festival 1300 856 876 sydneyfestival.org.au/disco For more information: ice.org.au/disco 02 9897 5744
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