

SBS celebrates Lunar New Year 2017

Welcoming the Year of the Fire Rooster with special programming across SBS TV, Radio and Online

As each corner adorns in red lanterns and spring couplets symbolising good luck and happiness, SBS is encouraging all Australians to celebrate Lunar New Year with a range of dedicated programming and activity launching across the network from today, Wednesday 25 January.

Throughout February, SBS Radio brings Lunar New Year celebrations to events in [Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane](#) and between 28 January and 15 February, is running a competition '**Find the Fire Rooster**' challenging Australians to hunt for the animated trotting rooster for a chance to share in the good fortune. Full information here sbs.com.au/lunarnewyear.

Elsewhere on the network, SBS celebrates with several shows, including **Adam Liaw's Destination Flavour Singapore** and premieres, **Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth**, **Ching's Amazing Asia** and **Follow Donal to Vietnam**. SBS VICELAND marks the occasion with a **Kung-fu Movie Season** and SBS On Demand hosts a specially curated **Lunar New Year Collection**.

SBS Director of Audio and Language Content, Mandi Wicks, said: "SBS is committed to celebrating Australia's multicultural events, encouraging all Australians to embrace our diversity. Lunar New Year is one of the biggest events of the year and we are thrilled to be marking the occasion with a season of special activity and programming across the SBS Network."

Full Program Information

TELEVISION

Chinese New Year: The Biggest Celebration on Earth Wednesdays from 25 January, 7.30 pm on SBS

Kate Humble, Jing Lusi and Ant Anstead attend the Harbin Ice and Snow Festival - an extraordinary sub-zero celebration in China's far north east. Their journey sees them experience the New Year transport rush and crush in Beijing, follow an Anglo-Chinese family back to China, join the crush at Beijing's West Station and battle through Beijing traffic.

Kung-fu Movie Season Fridays on SBS VICELAND

Detective Dee and The Mystery Of The Phantom Flame Friday 27 January, 11.10pm on SBS VICELAND

During the Tang Dynasty, China's future empress frees an imprisoned detective to solve the deaths of two courtiers who burst into flame upon exposure to sunlight.



K-20: The Legend of the Mask

Friday 3 February, 11.15pm on SBS VICELAND

Framed for crimes he didn't commit, circus acrobat Hekichi Endo breaks out of prison to avoid a death sentence and takes on the guise of his enemy - K-20, the "Fiend with 20 Faces" - to clear his name and seek revenge.

The Last Dragon

Friday 10 February, 11.15pm on SBS VICELAND

In New York City, a young man searches for the "master" to obtain the final level of martial arts mastery known as the glow. Along the way, he must fight a martial arts expert corrupted with power, and rescue a beautiful singer from an obsessed music promoter.

Merantau

Friday 17 February, 11.10pm on SBS VICELAND

A young man from the countryside uses his skills in silat martial arts to survive the slave trade.

Ching's Amazing Asia

Wednesday nights from 25 January, 7.30pm on Food Network

Join Ching He-Huang as she goes on a non-stop flavor fest across Asia and discovers what goes into your favorite dishes!

Follow Donal to Vietnam

Wednesday nights from 25 January, 8.30pm on Food Network

Cookbook author and food blogger Donal Skehan explores the markets of Vietnam, and everybody is welcome to follow.

The Lunar New Year Weekend Marathon

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 January, 11am-4pm on Food Network

Across the weekend, enjoy episodes of various Asian themed cooking, including Luke Nguyen's Greater Mekong, Ching's Chinese New Year special, and more.

SBS ON DEMAND

Available now, SBS On Demand brings Australians a special **Lunar New Year Collection**.

Inside The Chinese Closet

At a fake marriage fair, gay men and women meet to make marriage deals to satisfy social and familial expectations.

The Last Emporer

A dramatic history of Pu Yi, the last Emperor of China, from his lofty birth and brief reign in the Forbidden City, the object of worship by half a billion people; through his abdication, his decline and dissolute lifestyle; his exploitation by the invading Japanese, and finally to his obscure existence as just another peasant worker in the People's Republic.

Reign of Assassins

In Ancient China, Drizzle (Michelle Yeoh) is the most deadly and ruthless assassin. After a life of theft and murder, she seeks to atone for her ways. She starts a new life in the capital, but her old gang are hot on her trail.

IP Man

Donnie Yen stars as the eminent Wing Chun martial arts grandmaster, Yip Man, who was renowned for teaching Bruce Lee the secrets of the art he became famous for.

1911

In the early 1900's, China is in a state of crisis. The ruling Qing Dynasty is completely out of touch with its citizens, but any attempt at rebellion is quashed by the Dynasty's powerful, modern army, the "New Army". When Huang Xing returns from Japan, where he has studied the art of modern warfare, he feels he has no choice but to pick up the sword.

Metro Manila

Seeking a better life, Oscar Ramirez and his family decide to move from the poverty stricken rice fields of the Northern Philippine mountain ranges and journey towards the capital mega city of Metro Manila. Upon arriving in the big city, it isn't long before they fall foul to various city inhabitants whose manipulative ways are a daily part of city survival. After landing a job as a driver for a truck company, he befriends Ong who forces Oscar to help in a robbery of the company.

SBS RADIO EVENTS

City	Date	What	Where	When
Sydney	4 February	SBS PopAsia celebrates Lunar New Year with Massaoke	Martin Place	5-10 pm (PopAsia from 7pm)
	4 February	Hurstville Lunar New Year Street Festival	Forest Road, Hurstville	10am-4pm
	5 February	Sydney Vietnamese New Year VCA TET Festival 2017	Fairfield Showground	5-10pm
	9 February	SBS Radio at Westpac Lunar Lantern Hub	Martin Place	5-10pm
	11 February	Eastwood Lunar New Year Grand Celebration	Eastwood Plaza	11am-4pm
Melbourne	29 January	SBS PopAsia @ Chinatown New Year Festival	Main Stage Cnr.Russel and Lonsdale St	6-8pm
	4 February	Tet Festival	Melbourne Showgrounds	11am-11pm
	11 February	Box Hill Chinese New Year Festival	Market St., Main St. & Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill	1pm-1am
Brisbane	27 January	Chung Tian Temple Chinese New Year Celebrations	1034 Underwood Rd, Priestdale	6pm-midnight