

The Australian High Commission is pleased to announce the Australia Week Festival – a week of activities that will celebrate Australia-Mauritius relations from **5 to 11 April 2018**.

5 – 11 April

Australia Week Festival Quiz on Radio One with great Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games prizes to win!

5 April

Launch of the Ducere Foundation's Golden Jubilee Collection of African Children Stories in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research.

*The Ducere Foundation's African Children's Stories program provides a platform for children to use their creative writing as well as artistic skills. The program encourages children to write stories shared by their elders, promoting traditional story-telling which is transmitted to young generations. The jubilee collection is a special edition of the publication which contains stories written by Mauritian school children. The winner travelled to Australia in March to participate in the jubilee independence celebrations with the Mauritian diaspora in Melbourne with the Mauritius High Commissioner and the Mauritian Honorary Consul in Melbourne. The Ducere project in Mauritius received support from the Australian High Commission's Direct Aid Program.

(https://ducerefoundation.org/african-children-stories/)

6 April

- 6.00 7.00pm Australian Happy Hour at The Address Boutique Hotel, Port Chambly
- 7.30pm #GourmetAustralia in Africa Dinner prepared by visiting Chef Chris Wade



For more information on how you can purchase your tickets for the dinner, visit - <u>www.austrade.gov.au/gourmetaustralia</u>

or call 5919 1709

*proceeds for the evening will be directed towards sponsoring students enrolled in culinary art courses in Mauritius.



6 – 8 April	Australian Film and Design Showcase – Trianon Shopping Centre
	Exhibition of artwork by students of the Charles Telfair Institute who participated in the Australian Student Design Competition
	Public voting for the People's Choice Award opens Monday 2 April and closes on Friday 6 April – watch this space for more details on how you can cast your vote through facebook.
7 April	Premiere of "The Dressmaker" (invitation only) and announcement of the winners of the Australian Student Design Competition.
8 April	Australian Film Screenings at the Mcine, Trianon
2.00pm	Catch a great movie with the family with "Oddball"



Rating: Family G 2015 *Duration of film:* 95mins

Synopsis:

Based on a true story about an eccentric chicken farmer who, with the help of his granddaughter, trains his mischievous dog to protect a wild penguin. (www.roadshow.com.au)

6.00pm

The Dressmaker

Rating: M 2015 *Duration of film:* 1h59mins

Synopsis:



Based on the best-selling novel by Rosalie Ham, The Dressmaker is a bittersweet, comedy-drama set in early 1950s Australia. Tilly Dunnage, a beautiful and talented misfit, after many years working as a dressmaker in exclusive Parisian fashion houses, returns home to the tiny middle-ofnowhere town of Dungatar to right the wrongs of the past. Not only does she reconcile with her ailing, eccentric mother Molly and unexpectedly fall in love with the pure-hearted Teddy, but armed with her sewing machine and incredible sense of style, she transforms the women of the town and in so doing gets sweet revenge on those who did her wrong. (www.screenaustralia.gov.au)

10 – 11 April

Australia Awards Regional Women in Leadership Conference

The Australia Week Festival is being organised on the golden jubilee independence celebrations of Mauritius.



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