

CYPRUS HALLOUMI CULTURAL FESTIVAL PROGRAM

SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER 2026

Time	Activity	Location
10.00 am	Gates Open	Cyprus House Precinct
10.15 am	Welcome by MC - Mr. Nick Karaloukas	Main stage
10.00 am - 10.00 pm	Greek Cypriot Cultural and Historical Displays Available for Viewing	Ground Floor
10.00 am - 12.00 pm	Kids Corner	Lower Ground Floor
10.00 am - 11.00 am	Kids Face Painting	Lower Ground Floor
11.00 am - 2.00 pm	Halloumi Making Demonstration by Pandelyssi Halloumi	Lower Ground Floor
12.00 pm - 1.00 pm	Official Opening of the 2026 Cyprus Halloumi Cultural Festival MC - Ms. Tinoulla Philippou - Opening Welcome Speech by Mr. Stathi Zambas President of the Cypriot Community Association of QLD - Blessing by His Grace Bishop Bartholomew of Brisbane - Speakers Listed in Order of Appearance: - His Grace Bishop Bartholomew of Brisbane - Mr. Nikolaos Varellas Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, of High Commission of the Republic of Cyprus in Canberra - The Honourable David Crisafulli MP Premier of Queensland - Charis Mullen MP Shadow Minister for Public Works, Shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs and State Member for Jordan - Dr. Barbara O'Shea MP Member for South Brisbane - Renee Coffey MP Member for Griffith - Councillor Penny Wolff Deputy Civic Cabinet Chair for City Planning, Suburban Renewal and Economic Development and Councillor for Walter Taylor Ward - Mr. George Mastrocostas The Honourary Consul-General of Greece in Queensland	Main stage
1.00 pm - 1.15 pm	Cypriot Youth Brisbane Senior Dance Group (Traditional - 15 mins)	Main stage
1.15 pm - 1.30 pm	Gift Presentation to Sponsors	Main stage
1.30 pm - 1.40 pm	Cypriot Youth Brisbane Juniors Dance Group (10 mins)	Main stage
1.40 pm - 1.50 pm	Cypriot Youth Brisbane Intermediate Dance Group (Traditional - 10 mins)	Main stage
1.50 pm - 2.15 pm	Music by DJ	Main stage
1.50 pm - 2.15 pm	Crowd Dancing Participation (crowd dances 25 mins)	Main stage
2.15 pm - 2.30 pm	Hellenic Dancers (Traditional - 15 mins)	Main stage
2.35 pm - 2.50 pm	Cretan Dancers (Traditional - 15 mins)	Main stage
2.50 pm - 3.30 pm	Music by DJ	Main stage
3.30 pm - 3.45 pm	Cypriot, Cretan and Hellenic Senior Dancers - Combined Dance (15 mins)	Main stage
3.45 pm - 4.00 pm	Halloumi Pitta Eating Competition	Main stage
4.00 pm	Tavli (Backgammon) Competition Commences	Lower Ground Floor
4.00 pm - 4.20 pm	Cypriot Youth Brisbane - Senior Props Performance (with crowd participation - 20 mins)	Main stage
4.20 pm - 4.40 pm	Music by DJ	Main stage
4.20 pm - 4.40 pm	Crowd Dancing Participation (crowd dances 20 mins)	Main stage
4.40 pm - 5.00 pm	Honey Puffs Eating Competition	Main stage
5.00 pm - 5.30 pm	Music by AETOS Band from Melbourne	Main stage
5.30 pm - 5.45pm	Cypriot Youth Brisbane Senior Dance Group (Modern Performance - 15 mins)	Main stage
5.45 pm - 7.30 pm	Music by AETOS Band from Melbourne	Main stage
7.30 pm - 7.45 pm	Cypriot Youth Brisbane Senior Dance Group (Modern Performance - 15 mins)	Main stage
7.45 pm - 8.00 pm	Crowd Dancing Participation (crowd dances 15 mins)	Main stage
8.00 pm - 8.15 pm	Raffle Draw	Main stage
8.15 pm - 10.00pm	Music by AETOS Band from Melbourne	Main stage
10.00 pm	Gates Close	Cyprus House Precinct