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## **Street food, music, dance and gold prove Nundle festival favourites**

Nundle will bring out its big country welcome mat for the 2018 Nundle Go For Gold Chinese Easter Festival, on Easter Saturday and Sunday, March 31 and April 1.

Setting the glistening theme will be the giant gold dragon that became a mascot for the Festival at its debut last year.

Festival favourites the Australian Yau Kung Mun Association will fill Oakenville and Jenkins Streets with colour and athleticism as performers maneuver the long, weaving dragon costume, and pounce from elevated poles as lions. There are shows at midday and 2.30pm daily and an evening show with LED lighting, and Regional Arts Fund wall projections, Protecting Harmony, at 7.30pm, Saturday, March 31.

The Nundle Go For Gold Chinese Easter Festival, supported by Tamworth Regional Council through Destination Tamworth, celebrates the community's past and present, strongly shaped by the discovery of gold in 1852. Official Government records show that during the golden era 8 tonnes of alluvial gold and 2 tonnes of reef gold were taken out of the "Hills of Gold"

Nundle Go For Gold Festival Committee chairman Heath Atchison said gold still held its appeal in the Nundle hills, with 700 children and adults expected to pan for more than \$1,000 worth of gold, including four nuggets throughout the weekend at Mount Misery Gold Mine Café and Museum. "Every panner is guaranteed to experience seeing gold revealed from river gravel in their gold pan," he said.

Joining Nundle's year-round boutique businesses will be 100 market stalls lining Jenkins and Oakenville Streets, including new Multi Cultural Tamworth stallholders demonstrating calligraphy and cooking traditional Chinese food in a Chinese precinct. Brett and Pip Gorman are reopening Jenkins Street Guest House as a café, and Natasha Soonchild will open Stonecrow Studio in the former Nundle butcher shop.

New stilt walkers will entertain visitors as they roam the streets, while musicians perform throughout the weekend including locals, Golden Guitar winner, John Krsulja, The Voice contestant Jeff Gibson, folk duo Born in October (Rachel Webster and Mathew Thomson), and visitors Sax Summit, David Wei and Eva Timmers, and Lou Bradley and Phillip Chaffer.

The music continues on Easter Sunday with An Evening of Folk, Roots & Blues at Nundle Memorial Hall. Music 6.30pm - 9.30pm featuring Born In October (EP Launch), John K Krsulja, Lou Bradley and Phil Chaffer, Jeff Gibson, Dylan Hartas and The Blues Martyrs. Tickets, adults \$15, kids free, Picket Fence Produce food available from 6pm, BYO.

Mr Atchison said children's activities were a highlight of the family-friendly Festival, especially the Woolomin Parents and Citizens Association animal nursery, Library on

the Lawn (Saturday), The Magic of Lindsay Gardner, and antique toy display.

Further information Nundle Visitor Information Outlet 02 6769 3026, [nundle.com.au](http://nundle.com.au), @NundleNSW on Instagram, and Nundle Go For Gold Festival on Facebook.

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