

Monthly Newsletter

RODINA

The Bulgarian Cultural and
Social Association



Watson's Bay Spring Market

Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to the first edition of our monthly newsletter! We're thrilled to launch this new initiative. Each month, we'll be sharing updates, celebrating achievements, and keeping you informed about upcoming events.

A big thank you to everyone who participated in our recent survey about the monthly bulletin! Your feedback has been instrumental in shaping the content we'll be sharing with you.

August was a month of celebration. We marked 100 years since the birth of our founder, Mr. Stefan Kozuharov. The Bulgarian Dance Group "Bulgarian Rhythms" shone brightly at this year's #EuroFest in Liverpool. We also celebrated the outstanding achievements of Veronika Vasileva, whose incredible fencing season showcased her skill and determination on the international stage.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. "Bulgarian Rhythms" will be participating in the 30th Orthodox & Cultural Friendship Day, a fantastic opportunity to share our culture with a wider audience. We are also proud to support the upcoming Children's Festival Fundraising Dinner, an event with a great cause.

We encourage all of you to engage with us — attend our events, share your feedback, and be a part of this growing community. Your participation is what makes Rodina Sydney a truly special place, and we value each and every one of you.

Enjoy this month's newsletter!

Rodina Team x

In this newsletter
you can expect:

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Important Dates

Upcoming
Events of
"Bulgarian
Rhythms"

Things to Do
in & around
Sydney

Festivals in
Bulgaria in
September



In September...

On the 6th of September, we commemorate the Unification of Bulgaria. This event marks the de facto unification of the Principality of Bulgaria and Eastern Rumelia, in defiance of the decisions made by the Great Powers at the Congress of Berlin. The unification was coordinated by the Bulgarian Secret Central Revolutionary Committee (BSCRC). The Unification took place after uprisings in various towns in Eastern Rumelia, followed by a military coup on September 6th (September 18th in the new style) 1885, which was supported by Bulgarian Prince Alexander I and led by Major Danail Nikolaev.

On the 22nd of September, we celebrate Bulgaria's Independence. On this day in 1908, amidst an extremely solemn atmosphere in the historic Ivan-Asen Church "St. Forty Martyrs" in the old capital of Tsarevets, with the ringing of bells and the echo of salutes, Bulgaria's independence was proclaimed. The Proclamation of Bulgarian Independence was announced on this day, marking the natural and successful conclusion of a prolonged period of Bulgarian struggles for independence and sovereign statehood.



Event News

We are thrilled to announce that Bulgarian Rhythms Sydney has been invited to participate in 30th Annual Greek-Serbian Orthodox and Cultural Friendship Day!

This exciting event will take place on Sunday, **September 22**, 2024, at the Serbian Orthodox Church of Saint Stephen in Rooty Hill, located at 259 Hyatts Road, Rooty Hill. The day promises to be filled with vibrant cultural performances, including traditional dances from Serbian, Greek, and Bulgarian communities.



Dance classes

Ready to immerse yourself in the joy of Bulgarian dance? We invite you to join our vibrant community. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, all levels are welcome. Here are the details:

- **Day:** every Wednesday
- **Time:** 6pm-9pm
- **Location:** Dougherty Community Centre, Chatswood

Come and experience the rhythm, culture, and fun—let's keep our traditions alive together!

Things to do this month

In and around Sydney

- **Sydney Fringe Festival**
When: 1 – 30 Sept
Where: Various locations
Cost: varies from \$12 up
- **Festival of the Winds**
When: 10 Sept, 11am-4pm
Where: Bondi Pavilion Park & Beach
- **Moon Festival at Darling Square**
When: 6 – 22 Sept
Where: Darling Square
Cost: Free entry



- **Power Up Festival**
When: 20 -22 Sept,
10:30am-9:30pm
(6pm on Sunday)
White Bay Power Station
Cost: Free entry
- **St. Ives Food & Wine Fest**
When: 22 Sept
Where: St Ives Village
Green, Memorial
Avenue St Ives
- **Real Festival**
When: 20-21 Sept:
Fri. 4pm-10pm,
Sat. Noon-10pm
Where: Tench Reserve,
Nepean River, Penrith
Cost: Free
- **Glebe Artisan Market**
When: 14 Sept, 10am-3pm
Where: Foley Park,
corner of Bridge Road
and Glebe Point Road
- **The Big Design Market**
When: 20-22 Sept,
10am-5pm
(11am-8pm on Fri)
Where: Carriageworks
Cost: Adults: \$6,
Kids (0-12 yrs) free

- **Watson's Bay Spring Market**
When: 15 Sept, 10am-3pm
Where: Robinson Park,
Watson's Bay (right next
to the ferry wharf)
- **Five Dock "Little Italy" Food Tour**
When: 7 Sept
Where: Fred Kelly Place,
just back off Great North
Road Five Dock
Cost: \$50 per person
(incl. 1 coffee & 4 tastings)
- **Botanica Gin & Spirits Journey**
When: 20 – 22 Sept
Where: Coal Loader Centre
for Sustainability,
North Sydney
- **Sydney Running Marathon** (run across
Harbour Bridge and finish
at the Opera House)
When: 17 Sept
Where: Bradfield Park
Alfred Street South,
Milsons Point
Cost: \$125pp
- **Ironman 70.3 Western Sydney**
When: 22 Sept
Where: Old Castlereagh Rd,
Castlereagh



- **Home Cooking Show & Cake & Sweets Show**
When: 27-29 Sept
Where: Sydney ICC
Cost: \$19 per person
- **Tulip Time Flower Festival**
When: 12 - 30 Sept
Where: Corbett Gardens,
Bowral
Cost: \$15 and up

Festivals in Bulgaria in September



- Yogurt Festival –
Momchilovtsi
- "Rakya-Magiya"
Homemade Rakya Festival
– Ganchovets
- International "Bobfest"
Festival – Raduil
- Fig Festival – Vetren Dol
- Mekitsa Festival – Buhovtsi
- Lutenitsa Festival –
Lyaskovets
- Plum Festival – Troyan,
Oreshak
- Oktoberfest – Varna and
Sofia
- Kvartal Festival – Sofia
- Kurtovo Konare Fest –
Kurtovo Konare
- "Sharena sol" Festival –
Byta
- Festival of the Torlaka
Cuisine and Crafts – Salash
- Folklore Festival "Roots
and Branches" – Osoitsa
- Homemade Cheese
Festival – Cherni Vit
- National Festival of
Produce and Bulgarian
Folklore – Skravena
- Gardener's Day –
Draganovo
- Truffle Fest – Ugarchin
- Banitsa Festival –
Kardzhali
- Garlic Festival – Dolni
Rakovets



Together, we blossom and grow...

As we wrap up this edition of our monthly newsletter, we want to extend our warmest wishes for a joyful and fulfilling September. With spring in full bloom, it's the perfect time to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather, take part in our community events, and embrace the vibrant spirit of the season.

We'd also like to remind you about our ongoing charity campaign "**Hug Me**", dedicated to supporting disadvantaged children in expressing their artistic talents. This cause is close to our hearts, and we invite all members of the Bulgarian community to continue contributing to this wonderful initiative. Your support can make a world of difference in these children's lives. To donate, please visit www.rodinasydney.org.au/donate

We're always eager to hear from you! Your feedback and recommendations are invaluable in helping us make each edition of the newsletter better than the last. Please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with us.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful community. Let's make the most of this month and continue to celebrate our rich culture together. Until next time, enjoy every moment of this beautiful spring season!

Warm regards,
The Rodina Sydney Team

Thank you for reading!

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