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Essie Thomas to headline 2020 Lismore Women's Festival

The program is out! See what's on for this year's Lismore Women's Festival, by looking online or grabbing a copy of the program downtown. This will be the fourth annual Lismore Women's Festival, proudly presented by YWCA Australia.

Singer-songwriter Essie Thomas will be headlining this year's Lismore Women's Festival, proudly presented by YWCA Australia. Essie has played at Splendour in the Grass, Woodford Folk Festival and Earth Frequency Festival and is set to make a home stop after touring in the USA and Canada for the past year.

"I'm pretty stoked to be a part of this year's Lismore Women's Festival line up." Ms Thomas says. "I grew up in the Northern Rivers and after being away for some time it really will be like coming home"

Other activities and performances that will be presented as part of the Lismore Women's Festival include a burlesque workshop by Imogen Kelly, named the World Queen of Burlesque in 2012. The Roar Women's Music Festival (Friday 6 March), She-Rated Cabaret (Saturday 7 March) and Fabulous, Funny and Female Comedy Show (Sunday 8 March) will all be part of the Lismore Women's Festival.

Festival Coordinator Emma Newman says, "We are looking forward to settling into Lismore City Hall for three days, where women can go from workshop to workshop: listening, debating, writing, relaxing, dancing and laughing their heads off!"

The biggest gathering will be on Sunday 8 March, International Women's Day, outside on the lawn at Lismore City Hall with a Welcome to Country ceremony, followed by Young Women on the Mic. People can enjoy music, food, talks, a feminist panel and browse a wide range of stalls on the day – all in the spirit of empowering women.

"There are a whole range of topics, such as growing trees, intercultural awareness, performance, environment, music, feminism, health, communication and comedy. Please look to find something for you and book ahead if you can," says Ms. Newman.

The 2020 Lismore Women's Festival Program can be found at www.lismorewomensfestival.org.

Ms. Newman is also looking for volunteers. "It's always fun to be part of the team at a festival, and there'll be a variety of ways to help out and hang out!" Please contact Ms. Newman on 0490 437 376.

Event details

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| Event Name: | Lismore Women's Festival |
| Location: | Lismore City Hall, 1 Bounty St, Lismore NSW (apart from 3 events) |
| Date: | Friday 6 March to Sunday 8 March. |

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| | International Women's Day Celebrations Sunday 8 March, outdoor and indoor |
| Time: | All day for 3 days |
| More information: | Facebook: Lismore Women's Festival Website: www.lismorewomensfestival.org |

About YWCA Australia

YWCA Australia is a feminist organisation focused on improving gender equality for women, young women and girls.

Together we challenge the systems, structures and policies that act as barriers to women, especially young women, achieving their full potential. Our evidence-based programs and services, delivered across the country, aim to be inclusive of all women and offer support with housing, homelessness, leadership, safety and wellbeing.

Our goal is to positively impact the lives of more than two million women, young women and girls by the end of 2023.

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