What’s on in Sydney

Madama Butterfly
• Dates: 21–23 March
• Venue: Sydney Opera House Forecourt
• Start time: 7.30 p.m.
• www.sydneyoperahouse.com

With the famous Sydney Harbour skyline as its backdrop, this stage built over the water off the Royal Botanic Gardens has featured unique outdoor opera performances since 2012. This weekend, director Alex Ollé is staging Puccini’s classic love story of a US Navy lieutenant and a Japanese girl in wartime, with artists Georgy Vasilev (Russia) and Hiromi Omura (Japan) in the leading roles. English subtitles will be provided.

Manly-Warringah Sea Eagles vs. Parramatta Eels
• Date: 23 March
• Venue: Brookvale Oval
• Start time: 3 p.m.
• www.seaeagles.com.au

Sydney teams the Sea Eagles and Parramatta Eels have one of the longest rivalries in Australian rugby, so expect things to get hot and fierce at Brookvale this Sunday. If you’re not fazed about seeing the real thing, you could also watch the match with a cold beer in your hand at any sports bar, like the nearby 24/7 or the Court House Hotel in Darlinghurst.

Travelling North
• Date: 21 and 22 March
• Venue: Wharf 1 Theatre
• Start time: 8 p.m.
• www.sydneytheatre.com.au

Based on the 1979 play by Australia’s best-known playwright David Williamson, this tale of transformation paints an interesting landscape of human relationships. With actor Bryan Brown (F/X, Australia) in the leading role, the story centres around Frank and Franci, an unmarried older couple who decide to leave their lives in Melbourne behind and resettle in Queensland. Their new life however is soon challenged by a new love and old family threats that seem impossible to escape.

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• Venue: City Recital Hall Angel Place
• Start time: 8 p.m.
• www.cityrecitalhall.com

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