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NARRANDERA SHIRE TOASTS BIGGEST EVER TASTE RIVERINA FESTIVAL

With eight events participating in the Taste Riverina 2017 Festival, Narrandera Shire will see an increase in visitation throughout the region, and position Narrandera Shire as a destination with plenty of experiences.

The upcoming Taste Riverina, in October again promises to be an opportunity for gastronomers to be immersed in all things food and wine. Visitors from outside the Narrandera Shire will be able to join locals in a showcase of local produce, culinary activities, and entertainment while sampling a delicious range of food from the entire region.

The Narrandera Shire events will showcase local produce including Manildra flour, Barellan Beer, King Bee honey and citrus, as well as encourage people to become hands on with food processes incorporating butter churning, finding bush tucker and making damper at a camp oven tea.

The eight Narrandera Shire events taking part in the Taste Riverina Festival include:

- **A Toast to the Region** – As part of the Rockin on East Festival, event organisers are encouraging event patrons and locals to take a break and rest their dancing feet and sample a selection of wines, beer, cheese, olives and other delicious produce, all from the local area. This event is being held on Saturday 30 September from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at the New Criterion Hotel. \$10 per adult.
- **Blast from the Past** - Experience first-hand how our ancestors lived & worked on the land at the Barellan Working Clydesdales & Heavy Horses 'Good Old Days' Long Weekend. From cow milking, butter churning and ginger beer making demos to scone making on wood stoves, there's something for the whole family to get involved in. Don't forget to sample the famous locally grown barley converted to Barellan Beer on tap at this event. Saturday 30 September to Sunday 1 October, from 7am til late on both days. Entry for adults is \$15, while children are \$5.
- **Grong Grong Earth Park Camp Oven Tea** - Bring the whole family for an authentic camp oven experience. Enjoy a relaxed feast on Wednesday 4 October from 6pm, made with fresh ingredients grown in the Grong Grong Earth Park.
- **Bush Tucker tour and lunch** – If you have always wanted to try real bush tucker and have never had the chance, come along and join Wiradjuri Elder Michael Lyons from Sandhills Artefacts. Join him for a tour to special places around Wiradjuri Country and then experience bush tucker at its best. The menu could include Emu Spring Rolls, Kangaroo Curry, Murray Cod, Witchetty Grub Pizza, Lemon Myrtle Cheese Cake, or Wattle Seed Ice Cream. This amazing experience will take place on Saturday 7 October from 11am, tickets are \$65.
- **Salami Night** – Salami maker extraordinaires come and have our judges taste your ware on Saturday 7 October at 6:30pm at the Narrandera Bowling Club. Buffet dinner from 7pm, including antipasto platters on arrival, pasta entrée, succulent roast pig on a spit with

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vegetables. Salami entries need to be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the event and tickets must be prepaid. Tickets are \$40.

- A Journey from Paddock to Plate – Following on from the huge success in 2016, local chef Cory Hammond will be creating a signature event which celebrates local and fresh produce through a three course dinner. It's an opportunity to meet local producers, hear their stories and take the journey from paddock to plate on Friday 13 October at 6:30pm at the Narrandera Ex-Servicemen's Club. Tickets are \$75.
- Narrandera Open Gardens Devonshire Tea – Narrandera Open Gardens is a self-drive event with entry to six gardens in Narrandera. The garden at the historic "Berembed" homestead with English style garden located on the Murrumbidgee River will be open. Devonshire Tea with delicious, home-made scones and fresh whipped cream will be served at the Narrandera Uniting Church. Tickets (and maps) can be purchased from "Berembed" and Marie Bashir Park (Cadell St, Narrandera) from 9am to 2.30pm on Sunday 22 October.
- **Squeeze and Splash Pool Party** – Bring the whole family and celebrate the official opening of the Lake Talbot Swimming Pool Complex, 1 Lake Drive Narrandera with free fresh fruit grown here in the Riverina. Pool entry fees apply.

Ensure you and your friends book in early at some of the great events at tasteriverina.com.au.

With eight events in the Taste Riverina program and many more events and festivals taking place across the Shire in October, there's never been a better time to come and visit Narrandera Shire. For more information visit www.narrandera.com.au



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