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HEPBURN SWISS ITALIAN FESTA

Friday
27 October
to Sunday
29 October
2023



Hepburn Swiss Italian Festa is back!

After a three-year COVID hiatus, Hepburn Swiss Italian Festa is back! A vibrant celebration of community, heritage, lifestyle and culture, Festa 2023 is a feast of art, music, food and people bringing together local community and visitors from afar.

Festa began 30 years ago as a way to recognise the unique and lasting contribution to our region by 19th Century Swiss and Italian settlers.

Venues, restaurants, galleries, schools, business and community groups will celebrate Festa in their own way – and there's always room for another event in a dynamic Festa program.

Festa 2023 is brought to you by an energetic and revitalised community volunteer committee with financial and in-kind support from sponsors and supporters large and small.

Viva la Festa 23!

ACROSS THE WEEKEND

DAYLESFORD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

Swiss- Italian heritage items, photos and information
Saturday – Sunday 11am – 3pm

LAVANDULA – Lavander Farm & Eatery – Open all weekend

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR:

The Vespa Club, projections on Daylesford Town Hall, and pop-up music, food, story-telling and other events around Hepburn, Hepburn Springs and Daylesford.

2023 Program

Friday 27 October

HEPBURN SHIRE CHILDREN'S LANDSCAPE ARTS PRIZE

4-5.30pm Hepburn Primary School
156 Main Rd, Hepburn

DINNER FAMIGLIA, RUBENS

5.30-8pm 70 Main Rd, Hepburn Springs
Reservations : 5348 2843

CAMMINO DI HEPBURN

History walk and talk starts 5pm at Macaroni Factory,
ends 6pm at The Grande

Adult \$29.50, Concession \$25, Kids \$20,
Kids under 10 no charge when with a paying adult
Bookings : www.alicesjourney.com

BELLINZONA FESTA LAUNCH

Invitation only 6pm, 77 Main Rd, Hepburn Springs

FESTA FORMAL DINNER, THE GRANDE

Three course set menu starts 7pm,
1 Church Avenue Hepburn
\$90 per person, cash bar
50 places only, bookings essential 5348 1978

Saturday 28 October

FESTA PARADE AND CARNEVALE

10am street parade MAIN ROAD proceeds to sound shell
11am Welcome to Country, opening by Ambassador
Steve Moneghetti

Performances by Hepburn Shire schools, dancers,
storytelling, lantern-making workshop, puppetry, face-
painting, craft, Veneto Club Choir, food stalls, drinks.

Stalls available – contact ciao@swissitalianfesta.com

THE FARMER AND THE CHEF

12 pm Beppe, 32 Raglan St, Daylesford
Secrets of Italian ingredients and gardening your
own revealed! A rare opportunity to learn from one of
Daylesford's favourite tomato growers, Florian Hofinger,
followed by lunch with Beppe head chef Mauro Laconi
and the talented Beppe team. Reservations www.beppe.com.au

INTRODUCTION TO SOURDOUGH BAKING

Dairy Flat Farm – 1pm or 3pm book: lakehouse.com.au

LANDSCAPE ART PRIZE

3-5pm Winners announced & prizes awarded at
Radius Art Space 76 Main Rd Hepburn Springs

MASQUERADE BALL PALAIS HEPBURN

6pm-midnight, 111 Main Rd, Hepburn Springs
The original dress-up affair! Dinner, show and dancing
with special guests including Deans Martini.
Tickets \$40 (\$35 concession) show only.
www.palais-hepburn.com/events

Sunday 29 October

CRICKET WILLOW

355 Hepburn-Newstead Rd, Shepherds Flat
10am Museum tour 11am-2pm Soccer round robin and bocce

MERCATO DEL VILLAGGIO

11am Cliffy's, 30 Raglan St, Daylesford
Cliffy's Emporium transforms into a charming village market,
showcasing wines and other artisan produce with roving
entertainment.

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YANDOIT CULTURAL

1pm Uniting Church Road (off High Street), Yandoit. Stories,
memories and music from original Swiss Italian families.

ON THE COUCH WITH BECK LISTER

PART CHAT SHOW, PART THERAPY

4pm-5.30pm Radius Art Space,
76 Main Rd, Hepburn Springs
Beck chats with local artists about their work, inspirations,
motivations and doubt. Bookings: www.anvilproductions.com.au

VILLA PARMA, OPEN GARDENS

Midday-Sunset 124 Main Rd, Hepburn Springs

LANTERN VIGIL AND CLOSE

6.30pm Walk from Harrys Hepburn (take away and sit-down
meals) to Hepburn sound shell for the Festa finale. Includes
opera performance by Christine Douglas OAM & fireworks.

ALL FESTA INQUIRIES

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