



Yarra Valley Business Events Familiarisation Yarra Valley Lilydale to Warburton 23 June – 24 June 2017

Yarra Valley – the regional capital of great food, wine and experiences

Melbourne's Yarra Valley just keeps getting better! A region that saw its first plantings go into the soil back in the mid 1800's, won its first international wine award in 1889, then reinvented itself with fresh new plantings and enthusiastic presence in the 1960's, the Yarra Valley has managed to never be a place that has stopped and rested on its laurels. Rich in talent, enthusiasm and magnificent natural resources the Yarra Valley is an exciting place to be a part of. What's changed recently is the breadth of what is being delivered. Melbourne's Yarra Valley is now also the home to internationally recognised hand crafted gin, award winning apple and pear ciders and beer microbreweries that are setting the pace in their class. Add farmhouse cheese and the table is well and truly set. The Yarra Valley is an area that honestly celebrates life, awards dedication and maintains enviable standards in quality product. In the spirit of true conviviality let us share all this with you. Come taste, enjoy and you may even stay a while.

Yarra Valley Conferencing

The Yarra Ranges is Victoria's most spectacular conference destination and a world away from city distractions and only just over an hour from Melbourne. The region provides the perfect platform for incentives, events and partner programs. Exceptional cool climate wines, can be found in one of the 80 wineries that grace this area, sumptuous food offerings in award winning restaurants and cafes, art and culture with regular exhibitions at the acclaimed TarraWarra Museum of Art.

Guests may partake in activities such as grape stomping, wine and cheese matching, Segway tours through the vines, outdoor concerts, country racing, festivals just to mention a few.

Nature and wildlife also play an important part, with the renowned Healesville Sanctuary which houses Australian native animals with up-close and personal encounters providing guests long lasting memories for years to come. Bushwalking/hiking is plentiful with the Yarra Ranges National parks bordering the townships of Healesville, Yarra Glen and surrounds.

Situated approximately 50km from Melbourne's CBD and Airport, the Yarra Valley is the ideal destination, accessible by public transport and variety of transfer options available to consider for your next event.

Visit: <http://yarravalleybusinessevents.com.au/>

Day One Friday 23rd June

Yarra Ranges Tourism Host: Natalija Mackenzie

8.45am Meet at Lilydale Lakeside Campus Foyer, Building LA Jarlo Drive, Lilydale 3140
(Your vehicles will be parked overnight at the Campus accommodation carpark which is security patrolled and you will be transported back by Saturday 12 noon .
The campus takes no responsibility for your vehicles whilst parked overnight)

9.00am Site Inspection of Lilydale Lakeside Conferencing & Accommodation Including light breakfast

Lilydale Lakeside conferencing facilities are set on the doorstep of the picturesque Yarra Valley and Cater for a wide selection of events and functions. Facilities include , 2.5 km Walking Track, 10 km of shared trail through 28 hectares of parkland , 64 Queen or double bedrooms, each with it's own ensuite , 4 bedrooms in each apartment which contains a modern living and lounge area and small kitchenette facilities, complimentary on-site parking and Wifi for guests.

Host: Conference Host Manager details to be advised

Phone: 03 8892 2535

Address:

Jarlo Drive

Lilydale VIC

We shall return to Lilydale Lakeside on Saturday as overnight is Oscars on the Yarra Warburton

10.00am Depart – Lilydale Lakeside Campus with Wine Compass

Wine Compass

Tailored Private Wine Experiences

Wine Compass tours are tailored to each individual group, catering for those looking for a fun and relaxing day out as well as wine-tasting veterans. Create a truly memorable day out for your staff or clients with Wine Compass' tailored corporate wine tours.

<http://yarravalleybusinessevents.com.au/wine-compass>

10.20am Arrive – Sky High Mount Dandenong

Site Inspection including Morning Tea

Host: Haylee Dale

Phone: 03 9751 0450

Address:

26 Observatory Road

Mount Dandenong VIC

SkyHigh is situated at the summit of Mount Dandenong, a relaxing setting for any corporate event or function with impressive panoramic views of Melbourne. The function centre is versatile, catering for up to 250 people for a cocktail event or as little as ten for a boardroom conference.

Activities include the SkyHigh Maze which is a horticultural delight, wine tastings, Puffing Billy excursions, guided garden tours and William Rickets Sanctuary Tours

Day One Friday 23rd June

11.20am **Depart** – Sky High Mount Dandenong

11.40am **Arrive** – Wild Cattle Creek

Host: Dean Fisher

Phone: 03 5964 4755

Address:

473 Warburton Highway
Seville VIC

Cellar Door Wine Tasting, Venue Site Inspection and lunch

Wild Cattle Creek Estate is a centrally located Yarra Valley Winery 10 minutes from Lilydale and amongst the wineries of the Yarra Valley. Wild Cattle Creeks versatile spaces are ideal for small groups of 10 to larger groups of up to 120. An ideal conference and functions centre featuring a fully licenced restaurant, Al fresco deck and balcony, all with views over the beautifully manicured gardens and vineyard. Offering a rural vineyard environment along with the dining and conference facilities, Wild Cattle Creek Estate also boasts on-site fully self contained accommodation in both modern and heritage style options including the 3bedroom Historic Wallace Homestead amongst vineyard villas. <http://yarravalleybusinessevents.com.au/wild-cattle-creek>

1.40pm **Depart** – Wild Cattle Creek

2.00pm **Arrive** – Rayner's Orchard

Host: Len Rayner

Phone: 03 5964 7654

Address:

60 Schoolhouse Road
Woori Yallock VIC

Indulge in a Tractor Fruit Tasting Tour (If inclement weather, tours will proceed and gum boots are encouraged at the venue) , venue inspection of newly built private function space and afternoon tea

Rayner's Orchard is a family owned and operated speciality orchard that grows over 450 varieties of Fruit. Incorporate a visit here for your group team building by going on a tractor tour through the Orchard and wander around the packing shed followed by a tasting amongst the trees. Delegates can also engage with dabbling in a fruit preserving and bottling class taking their own personal souvenir's. Catering to the needs of your group is a Peach Café, produce shop, picnic shelters, newly built versatile private conference and function space seating up to 150 which can cater for sit down functions or stand up rustic BBQ style with a quintessential Orchard setting.

<http://yarravalleybusinessevents.com.au/rayners-orchard>

3.30pm Depart – Rayners Orchard

3.50pm Arrive – Oscar’s on the Yarra Warburton

Host: Christine Birch

Phone: 03 5966 9166

Address:

3185 Warburton Highway

Warburton VIC 3799

Conference and facilities Site Inspection Upon Arrival including afternoon Tea

4.50pm Onsite presentation with Adam Nicholls – Wine Compass

Host: Adam Nicholls

Phone: 0413 360 468

5.00pm Delegate Attendees check into their private rooms and enjoy the resort at leisure

6.00pm Delegate Attendees and Familiarisation Venue Hosts meet for pre-dinner cocktail gathering

6.45pm Dinner Service – Familiarisation Delegate Attendees with Christine Birch and Natalija Mackenzie

Oscar’s on the Yarra is a hidden treasure ! Located right on the banks of the Yarra River in Warburton on the fringe of the Yarra Ranges National park the 12 acre property offers the perfect tranquil, peaceful setting for your next getaway, retreat, think tank, strategy meeting, product launch or function . The romantic property boasts 22 king or twin en-suited rooms only a mere metres from the yarra river. A range of onsite facilities can be coordinated on-site of this nature wonderland including high rope course, tutored fly fishing, kayaking, Food and Wine Tours, Yoga, laser skirmish ,golf amongst a variety of wellness programs

<http://yarravalleybusinessevents.com.au/oscars-on-the-yarra>

Day Two Saturday 24th June

8.30am Breakfast Service, convene with Natalija Mackenzie

9.30am Onsite activity inclusive of morning tea (check out will be best prior)

11.00am Depart – Oscars on the Yarra Warburton

11.40am Arrive – Lilydale Lakeside Campus

12.00pm Conclusion of Business Events Familiarisation

We hope you have the opportunity to extend your stay within the region and make an extra stop en-route home to enjoy more of what the Yarra Valley has on showcase.

What's on in the Region can be viewed in advance by visiting

<https://visityarravalley.com.au/whats-on>

<https://visitdandenongranges.com.au/whats-on>

If you are on Social Media while in the region we encourage you to use the following social media handles to include in posts:

- **Instagram:** @yarra_valley
- **Facebook:** YarraValleyandTheDandenongs
- **Twitter:** @yarra_valley

HASHTAGS

- **#yarravalley #findyourself**

For any further information please: Email natalija@yarrarangestourism.com.au or call on 8739 8000

Disclaimer Whilst there is every intention to adhere to the itinerary as presented, on occasion it may be necessary to make alterations. The discretion of the host venue and Yarra Ranges Tourism reserves the right to alter the itinerary with suitable alternatives should this be required at any stage and any amendments will be advised as soon as possible should this occur. By registering your interest, you are agreeing to your image in photos and videos for use by Yarra Ranges Tourism in their marketing activities.

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