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GIPPSLAND GROWERS AND MAKERS IN SPOTLIGHT

Utilising the best that bountiful Gippsland has to offer, the inaugural Harvest Fest event will showcase how local producers grow and produce the acclaimed goods the region is renowned for.

Harvest Fest 2018 is an exciting new boutique farming and lifestyle event from November 9 to 11 at Lardner Park in West Gippsland, shining a light on Victoria's major food bowl, with key event features falling into our four key pillars: Grow, Make, Eat and Live.

An ingenious idea to create reusable beeswax wraps to combat household plastic waste was born in a moment of environmental frustration for Little Bumble business director Laura Eddington – who will be a stallholder at Harvest Fest along with demonstrating how to use her DIY homemade-wrap kits, as part of the Make pillar.

“While on maternity leave from science teaching, I became frustrated at the food wastage and plastic pollution that was occurring in my home,” Laura said.

“Being raised on land and always striving to be more sustainable, I began to research an alternative to plastic wrap, snap lock bags and plastic containers. After investing in the beeswax food wraps already on the market I was very disappointed by their performance. So, I put my science skills to use and developed an all-natural formula that produced premium wraps that could be customised, refreshed and made into DIY kits.”

Other enticing features that fall under the Make pillar include drone demonstrations by Lardner Park's Centre of Drone Excellence, walking tractors and a visit from the Bunyip Beekeeper along with their expert insight into the fascinating world of bees.

Take the opportunity to see racing sled dogs in action and get close enough for a cuddle with these fluffy animals at Harvest Fest, as part of the Grow pillar.

Dog owner Sheena Thorn said her Siberian huskies and Alaskan malamutes spent all winter competing on dryland and snow courses throughout Australia, and she was looking forward to allowing the general public to experience the thrill and excitement at the event.

The Take a Hike Sled Dog Team and Canucatchme Kennels will provide a demonstration (weather permitting) from 10am to 11am on Saturday, November 10 and Sunday, November 11 and you can also meet and have a cuddle with the sled dogs at the Black Hawk Tent from 1pm to 2.30pm daily.

“The dogs are already excited and we hope to see you all there,” Sheena said.

Animals feature strongly in the Grow pillar with another exciting feature being the display of the ‘original meat sheep’ the Wiltshire Horn breed, and produce is celebrated too with a DIY flair through Grow Fresh Green Houses which offer backyard options to becoming self-sufficient. Harvest Fest is bursting with so many experiences for the whole family to enjoy. We can't wait to show you around!



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Harvest Fest will be held November 9-11, at Lardner Park, Gippsland. For further information or to buy tickets online and save 16% visit www.harvestfest.com.au

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