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'Hanging' for the Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock

This summer get ready for a day devoted to feasting on fabulous local fare from more than 100 Victorian producers who will gather for The Age Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock from 9am to 5pm on **Sunday 27 February 2011**.

From sweet treats to savoury delights, this is a delicious day out to suit every appetite. Whilst taking in the amazing surrounds at Hanging Rock, picnic patrons will have the opportunity to sample Belgium chocolate and vanilla bean cream desserts from Lush Desserts; savour duck and wild mushroom risotto from Kuche Inspirational Foods; enjoy aromatic paella from the Paella Pan; or visit Pepper & Salt Calamari for delicious morsels of freshly caught calamari.

In addition to the variety of produce on offer, the Picnic will inspire some artistic flair in your kitchen with the Neff Cooking Demonstration Marquee showcasing cooking demonstrations from some of Australia's best known chefs, including Stefano de Pieri, owner of Stefano's Italian restaurant in Mildura who will mix up classic dishes incorporating his passion for local produce. Hellenic Republic's Head Chef Travis McAuley will have some great tips on preparing Greek cuisine, while Jake Nicolson will display why he was recently promoted to head chef at Circa The Prince, using the best seasonal produce to cook up a storm. King of all things chocolate, Samanta Bakkar from Koko Black will get chocolate lovers' hearts racing with mouth-watering treats.

There will be a range of live entertainment from folk, jazz and blues band Jugularity, while Combo la Revelacion will provide energetic, vibrant Latin American music, which will give picnic patrons a chance to get their dancing shoes on. The Picnic is also about the youngsters and they are sure to be entertained with an assortment of free activities.

The Harvest Picnic has a long standing 22 year history and is proud to be one of Victoria's longest running festivals, so grab the picnic essentials and prepare to be impressed with the local food, wine and entertainment on offer.

Admission includes: entry to The Age Harvest Picnic at Hanging Rock, access to Hanging Rock Reserve, live entertainment, free entry to the Neff Cooking Demonstration Marquee, car parking, a visitor's program, and a copy of The Sunday Age.



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Pre-purchased tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for concession, and children under 15 are free. Purchase tickets online before Friday 25 February, and go in the draw to win a Neff Slide and Hide Door Oven valued at \$3,999. Tickets purchased at the gate on the day cost an extra \$5 and children under 15 are free.

Hanging Rock is approximately 75 km north-west of Melbourne with ample parking on site. There are a range of idyllic bed and breakfasts located near Hanging Rock making it the perfect opportunity to plan a weekend getaway.