

HUNTER VALLEY  
**Gardens**  
**FlavourFest**

## A FEAST FOR THE SENSES THIS JUNE LONG WEEKEND



From Saturday 12 June to Monday 14 June 2010, Hunter Valley Gardens will host the inaugural FlavourFest, to be held during the Hunter Valley Wine and Food Month.

The three day culinary extravaganza will feature fine food, exquisite wine, cooking demonstrations and celebrity guest hosts including Peter Evans, Tobie Puttock and Janelle Bloom, along with inspiring music, flavours and sounds of the Hunter and beyond, all inside

Australia's largest and most spectacular display gardens.

Kyle McKendry, General Manager says, "Hunter Valley Gardens is excited to announce the launch of FlavourFest this June long weekend. There will be plenty for the whole family to enjoy with interactive activities sure to make it a memorable long weekend for everyone."

### The Main Stage

Located in the Lakeside Amphitheatre, the Main Stage will feature a full programme throughout the three days of the festival, including celebrity guests, local chefs and industry experts who will provide cooking demonstrations, and share their stories.



#### Janelle Bloom - 12, 13 & 14 June

Janelle Bloom is one of Australia's most-loved food writers and one of the original chefs on Network Ten's *Ready Steady Cook*. Working alongside the other celebrity chefs, she will bring the stage to life with demonstrations, communication, information and fun.

#### Tobie Puttock – Saturday 12 June

International award winning chef Tobie Puttock worked alongside the hit series 'Jamie's Kitchen – Australia' and appeared in the Channel's FOOD TV series 'Tobie and Matt - Europe and Asia'. He has best selling cookbooks 'Daily Italian' and 'Italian Local', and over the years has become one of Australia's most well known and loved celebrity chefs. He will be demonstrating some of his favourite recipes, answering questions, educating on techniques and sharing his passion for all things food!



Jamie Oliver in *Lifestyle* also has two of the last five years' best chefs. He will be demonstrating, answering questions,

#### Pete Evans – Monday 14 June

Respected chef Pete Evans starred in this year's hit series, Network Seven's *My Kitchen Rules* as an expert judge. Pete's Hugo's restaurants have won numerous awards, including a coveted Sydney Morning Herald Chefs Hat seven years in a row. He has cooked for royalty and has been involved in many television shows, so his expertise and entertaining nature will be a delight to all guests!



In addition to celebrity chefs, cocktail flaring and mixology will be a highlight with **the Australian Flair Masters**. World champion bartenders from Goldfish Bar in Sydney and Twisted Liquid, plus

many more will compete in the highly artistic world of cocktail mixing as they fight it out to win the Masters title.

A **Marketplace** will showcase the very best fresh produce, gourmet foods, sweet delights and exotic flavours, and the region's most acclaimed boutique wines and beers will be located next to **Eat Street** at the large **Beer, Wine & Cocktail Hall**.

At **Eat Street** guests can go on a culinary adventure with a selection of foods including Thai, Japanese, Peruvian, Turkish, Italian and German and then sit, relax and enjoy **Flavours of Music** from around the world, with 45 minute performances throughout the day featuring Scottish, African, Jazz and more on the **Concert Stage**.



**The Seminar Stage** will entertain all day long with interesting facts from the masters in cheese making and wine making. In addition, Hunter Valley Gardens horticultural staff will be displaying their very best fresh garden herbs and vegetables and will be available to give expert advice to those keen to start their own veggie patch at home.

There will also be a range of fun and quirky entertainment with roaming musicians, clowns, and balloon art sure to keep both the young and young at heart smiling and entertained.

There will be plenty for the kids at **FlavourFest** too. It is not just for the big people! Kids will be able to have fun on the jumping castle, get their face painted and join in the music and dancing with the live kid's shows. Kids can even have a go at cooking with *Batlow Kids In The Kitchen*, getting their hands dirty making their own apple cup cakes (additional fees apply).

*Entry to the Gardens is \$22.50 per adult and children 16 and older, \$12 for children between 4 – 15 years of age with children 3 years and under admitted free. For further information regarding FlavourFest at Hunter Valley Gardens (Broke Rd, Pokolbin), please call 02 4998 4000 or visit [www.hvg.com.au](http://www.hvg.com.au)*

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